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TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,

From January 1st to December 31st, 1881.

MAYOR, WILLIAM HUNTER, ESQ.

Committee—

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The Quarterly Meetings of the Committee will be held at the Library at 3 p.m. on the following days :—

January 4th, April 5th, July 5th, and October 4th.

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"All hail, ye Books, my real, my true friends,
Whose conversation pleases and improves."

Walsh.

REPORT.

The Committee are glad this year to be able to report some real progress in the work to which they are appointed by the Council, although they have still to regret their inability to utilize both the rooms at their disposal for strictly Library purposes.

The Reading Room, which at present is used for the issuing business of the Library, has been open every day (except Sundays, Good Friday, Christmas Day, and three other days), from January 1st to October 5th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9·30 p.m.; and October 6th to December 31st, from 10 a.m. to 9·30 p.m. without closing. The attendance during Bank Holidays has been about one-third of other days.

The Lending Department was open 231 days, the total issue in all classes of Literature being 32,836, as against 32,035 for 1880; 30,200 for 1879; and 26,308 for 1878.

On page 8 will be found a detailed statement of Issues during 1881, with the same for the three previous years.

2000 Borrowers' Cards were issued, of this number 682 were New Borrowers. Number of Books in stock, 6,300.

A Census of the persons attending the Reading Room (exclusive of Borrowers) has been taken four times daily, the number being 45,206, as against 41,737 for 1880; 34,850 for 1879; and 31,200 in 1878. The utilizing of the Lobby has materially affected the number for 1881, as an Evening Paper, various Time Tables, Army, Clergy, and Navy Lists, &c., are

now consulted there without entering the Reading Room. It is computed that inasmuch as about 150,000 persons availed themselves of the benefits of the Institution last year that number has been considerably exceeded during 1881.

The Committee desire cordially to acknowledge Gifts of Books from Rev. Canon Howell, Mr. Euren, Mons. Carlier, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Knights, Mr. Beeston, Mr. Cole, Mr. Watt, Mr. Harvey, Norfolk Archæological Society, Cobden Club, Messrs. Cassell, and the Newspaper Proprietors of this City and various parts of the Country, for the gratuitous supply of their Publications; and the Librarians of most of the Free Libraries in the United Kingdom for their Annual Reports.

The Collection of Books of local interest is progressing satisfactorily.

On page 7 will be found a statement showing the Population of seventeen Towns, with the Stock, Issue, and Turnover of their Free Libraries; on page 6, the Ages and Occupations of the New Borrowers.

A Selection from the Additions to the Library during 1881.

Argyle's Reign of Law. Bartlett's Quotations. Bowring's Recollections. Burton's Inner Life of Syria. Butler's Wild North Land. Carlyle's Reminiscences. Cassell's History of England. Combe's Constitution of Man. Dilke's Greater Britain. Dixon's Holy Land. Early History of C. J. Fox. Encyclopædia Britannica (as published). English Men of Letters (as published). Farrar's Life of St. Paul, and Silence and Voices of God. Freeman's Historical Essays. Foreign Classics for English Readers (as published). From Log Cabin to White House. Froude's Short Studies on Great Subjects. Grant's Ocean to Ocean. Greenwood's Reuben Davidger, and Wild Animals. Hone's Every Day Book, Table Book, and Year Book. Kingsley's Glaucus. Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare. Lives of Sir J. Brooke, C. Lever, Macready, and C. Mathews. Macfarren's Elements of Harmony. Markham's Whaling Cruise to Baffin's Bay. Martineau's Hours of Thought. May's Constitutional History of England. M'Carthy's History of Our Own Times. Mills' Autobiography, and Essays on Nature, Religion, and Theism. Napier's War in Syria. Naturalist's Library (complete). New Plutarch. Porter's Giant Cities of Bashan. Proctor's Orbs Around Us, and Rough Ways Made Smooth. Public Life of Earl Beaconsfield. Rankine's Civil Engineering, and Useful Rules and Tables Relating to Engineering, &c. Reed's Alice Bridge of Norwich. Richardson's Diseases of Modern Life, and Ministry of Health. Sala's Paris Herself Again. Science Lectures for the People. Scribner (complete set). Senior's Conversations. Shoolbred on Electric Lighting. Smiles's Duty. Stainton's British Butterflies. Strickland's Lives of Bachelor Kings. Tales from Blackwood (second series). Taylor's Flowers: Their Origin, &c., Half-Hours at Sea-Side, and Nature's Bye-Paths. Tom Taylor's Leicester Square. Wedmore's Pastorals, and Studies in English Art. Works of Aimard, Ballantyne, Channing, Mrs. Craik, Emerson, Erckmann-Chatrian, Gaskell, Bret Harte, Haweis, Molière, Mark Twain, Artemus Ward, Mrs. H. Woods. Wornum's Analysis of Ornament. Yonge's Cameos from English History.

OCCUPATIONS AND AGES OF NEW BORROWERS.

Accountants and Clerks...	56
Agents and Collectors ...	8
Artists and Draughtsmen	4
Blacksmiths	6
Bookbinders and Rulers	8
Boot and Shoemakers ...	20
Bricklayers and Plasterers	10
Brewers & Wine Merchants	4
Brokers	8
Brushmakers	15
Builders and Carpenters...	15
Butchers	2
Cabinet Makers	4
Carriage Makers	5
Carver	1
Chemists and Druggists	9
Clergymen	3
Clock and Watch Makers	3
Coppersmiths and Tinmen	5
Currier	1
Cutler	1
Dealers	2
Dentists	2
Domestic Servants	6
Drapers and Haberdashers	24
Engineers and Machinists	6
Errand and Office Boys ...	21
Gardeners	6
Grocers and Greengrocers	16
Housekeepers	3
Ironmongers	3
Labourers	17
Machinists	3
Masons and Sculptors ...	6
Messengers	4
Milliners and Dressmakers	15
Millwrights	2
Carried forward ...	324
Brought forward ...	324
Painters and Decorators...	5
Paper Hangers & Upholsterers	2
Paper Makers	2
Porters and Packers ...	3
Post-office Employés ...	6
Police Officers	6
Printers and Compositors	15
Publicans	3
Rivetters	4
Scholars and Students ...	44
Schoolmasters, Mistresses, and Teachers	27
Shopkeepers	3
Tailors and Tailoresses ...	7
Travellers	3
Warehousemen	10
Weavers	6
Not stated	124
Miscellaneous	88
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Ages of New Borrowers.

Above 14 and under 20 ...	293
,, 20 ,, 25 ...	105
,, 25 ,, 30 ...	68
,, 30 ,, 35 ...	41
,, 35 ,, 40 ...	35
,, 40 ,, 45 ...	30
,, 45 ,, 50 ...	28
,, 50 ,, 55 ...	9
,, 55 ,, 60 ...	12
60 and above ...	20
Not stated	41
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Table showing the Population of Seventeen Towns, with the Stock, Issue, and Turnover of their Free Libraries.

Town.	Population, 1881.	Stock of Books.	One year's Issue.	Turnover.
Bolton	105,422	45,466	184,739	4·0
Blackburn ...	104,012	23,940	48,015	2·0
Preston	96,532	8,949	85,111	9·5
Norwich	87,843	6,300	32,836	5·2
Cardiff	85,378	11,040	47,140	4·2
Wolverhampton	75,738	21,806	89,787	4·1
Rochdale	68,865	30,175	168,514	5·5
Swansea	63,739	19,582	49,011	2·5
Stockport	59,544	17,032	90,821	5·3
Walsall	58,808	10,850	70,068	6·4
South Shields ...	56,922	12,737	64,903	5·0
West Bromwich	56,299	11,969	57,784	4·8
Middlesbrough...	55,288	8,891	58,661	6·6
Northampton ...	51,880	10,000	18,000	1·8
Exeter	37,608	11,847	46,365	3·9
Macclesfield ...	37,514	13,578	40,581	2·9
Richmond ...	19,000	8,400	5 Months' Issue 36,953	4·5

Classified Register of Issues of Books for the years 1878 to 1881.

Months.	Days open.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Correspondence	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines Reviews, and Miscellaneous.	Law and Theology.	Natural History	Monthly Issues. 1881.	Average Daily Issues. 1881.	Monthly Issues. 1878.	Monthly Issues. 1879.	Monthly Issues. 1880.
January ..	22	71	127	29	1602	192	461	26	9	2517	114	2092	2791	2936
February .	20	93	215	50	1546	242	657	25	14	2842	142	2245	2649	2840
March ...	22	105	198	55	1764	239	770	34	15	3180	145	2576	3094	2586
April	20	97	178	48	1866	224	713	21	15	3162	158	2384	2688	3105
May	22	77	194	40	1607	259	636	34	31	2878	131	2455	2542	3012
June	20	71	171	43	1498	238	663	23	29	2736	137	2172	2162	2864
July	22	66	156	55	1594	266	686	17	33	2873	131	2374	2714	2835
August ...	4	7	23	7	298	40	138	2	12	527	132	2173	1109	1217
September	15	82	153	43	1401	241	455	35	32	2442	163	613	2033	1686
October ...	22	69	156	45	2026	274	675	25	30	3300	150	2438	2862	3113
November	21	87	185	47	1911	285	740	31	33	3319	158	2620	2708	3168
December	21	82	147	39	1768	249	729	22	24	3060	146	2166	2850	2672
Total ...	231	907	1903	501	18881	2749	7323	295	277	32836	142	26308	30202	32034
1878		978	1132	595	18485	1814	2779	270	255					
1879	291	843	964	353	21300	1828	3443	560	911					
1880	290	1141	1697	639	19733	3030	5119	339	336					

The following Reviews, Magazines, and Newspapers, are placed in the Reading Room. Those marked (*) are presented.

ANNUALLY.

Clergy Directory
Kelly's London Directory

QUARTERLY.

*Modern Review
Navy List

MONTHLY.

All the Year Round
Argosy
Army List
Belgravia
Blackwood
Bradshaw
*Building World
*Canadian Patent Journal
Cassell's Family Magazine
Chambers's Journal
Century (late Scribner)
Contemporary Review
Cornhill
*Dietetic Reformer
Every Boy's Magazine
Fortnightly Review
Fraser
*Friend of China
Gentleman's Magazine
Good Words
Harper's Monthly
*Herald of Health
*Insurance Times (America)
*Insurance Times (Ireland)
*Jewish Intelligence
Leisure Hour
London Society
Macmillan
Modern Thought
*Musical Times

MONTHLY, *continued.*

*New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century
*Plumber and Decorator
Rechabite and Temperance
Science Gossip
Temple Bar
Tinsley
*Tract Magazine
*Women's Suffrage Journal
*Young Believer

WEEKLY.

*Alliance News
Athenæum
Australasian
*Banner of Israel
Boot and Shoe Trades Journal
*Boston Independent
Boy's Newspaper
Builder
*Builder's Reporter
Building News
*Bullionist
*Bury Post
*Cambridge Independent
*Capital and Labour
*Christian World
Christian World Family Circle
*Civil Service Gazette
*Co-operative News
*Colliery Guardian
*Colonies and India
*Daylight
*Derbyshire Courier
Design and Work
*Draper
Engineer
*England

Magazines, Newspapers, &c., continued.

WEEKLY, *continued.*

English Mechanic
Era
Exchange and Mart (3 issues)
Field
*Freemason
Gardener's Magazine
Graphic
*Hereford Times
Illustrated London News
*Iron
Judy
*Leather Trades Circular
*Literary World
*Lynn Advertiser
*Metropolitan
*Midland Herald
*Miller
*Morning Light
*Newcastle Chronicle
New York Herald
*Norfolk Chronicle
*Norfolk Mail
*Norfolk News
*Norwich Argus
*Norwich Mercury
Notes and Queries
*People's Weekly Journal
Phonetic Journal
Public Opinion
Punch
*Richmond and Twickenham Times
Saturday Review

WEEKLY, *continued.*

*School Board Chronicle
*Schoolmaster
*Society of Arts Journal
*Southport Critic
Spectator
*Suffolk Chronicle
*Tailor and Cutter
Unitarian Herald
*Universe
*Weekly Press
*Yarmouth Gazette

DAILY.

News
Press (2 copies)
Standard
Telegraph
Times
*Echo (evening)

TIME TABLES.

*A B C Time Table
Bradshaw
*Fletcher's
*Great Eastern
*Great Northern
*Great Western
*London and North Western
*London and South Western
*London, Brighton, and South Coast
*London, Chatham, and Dover
*Midland
*South Eastern

DIRECTORIES.

Beds, Berks, Bucks, Hunts, Northamptonshire, and Oxon.
Birmingham, Staffs, Warwickshire, and Worcestershire.
Cambs, Norfolk, and Suffolk.
Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Notts, and Rutlandshire.
Essex, Herts, Kent, Middlesex, Surrey, and Sussex.
Lancashire, Liverpool, and Manchester.
Yorks (West Riding).
Mercantile Directory and Manufacturer's Guide.

Financial Statement for the Year ending 31st December, 1881.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	163	2	9
One Penny in the pound raised with the Borough Rate	937	10	0
Rents	61	10	0
Letting Rooms, Sale of Borrowers' Cards, Catalogues, Waste Paper, &c.	41	12	7
	£1203	15	4

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages	178	15	10
Books	145	3	2
Newspapers and Periodicals	45	13	0
Bookbinding, &c.	98	17	8
Printing, Stationery, &c.	27	9	1
Interest on Loan	74	19	6
Instalment off ditto	200	0	0
Insurance	5	15	0
Gas and Coals	38	8	11
Repairs to Buildings, &c.	122	3	2
Sundries	25	1	9
Balance in hand	241	8	3
	£1203	15	4

Balance of Loan, £1400, £200 of which should have been paid off in November, 1881.

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The Quarterly Meetings of the Committee will be held at the Library at 3 p.m. on the following days:—

January 13th, April 14th, July 14th, and October 13th, 1886.

The Sub-Committee meet on the 2nd Wednesdays of the intermediate months at 4 p.m.

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"Oh for a booke and a shadie nooke,
Eyther in-a-doore or out;
With the grene leaves whispering overhede,
Or the streete cryes all about.
Where I maie reade all at my ease,
Both of the newe and olde;
For a jollie goode booke whereon to looke,
Is better to me than golde."

Old English Song.

REPORT.

The Committee congratulate themselves and the members of the Council—to whom their Report for 1885 is now submitted—upon the continued success and usefulness of the Library in every department. The stock of Books for Lending and Reference is substantially increased since last year, and the number of Borrowers is a steady and constantly increasing quantity—showing that larger means produce greater usefulness, and that the demand for books is only limited by the supply.

The Women's Reading-Room has been open nine months, during which time it has received 14,000 visits—showing an appreciation of its provisions that cannot be otherwise than satisfactory, although there is still room and plenty of suitable reading for a larger number of the young women employed in the work-rooms and factories of the city.

The Committee point with pride and pleasure to the fact that the Mayor (John Gurney, Esq., J.P.) has shown his continued interest in the welfare of the Library by accepting the office of Chairman, as they feel sure that a stimulus to further development and wider usefulness is thereby secured; indeed, they may say that a scheme is already under consideration for extending the resources of the Library to the use of the elder scholars in the elementary schools of the city.

The following details have been carefully prepared by the Librarian and his staff, and are submitted by the Committee as evidence of the prosperity already referred to; while they desire to record the great satisfaction they have in witnessing the lively interest taken in the working of the Institution by all the officials connected with it.

The Lending Department has been open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. every day except Sundays, Thursdays, Good Friday, Bank holidays, the polling-day at the general election, and Christmas-Day—being open 238 days. 1206 Books have been added in this department during the year; but allowing for 374 withdrawn since they were re-numbered, the large majority of which were worn out, there are 9904 volumes in stock, divided into the following classes:—Art, Science, &c., 959; Biography and Correspondence, 692; Poetry and the Drama, 335; Fiction, 2995; History and Travel, 1143; Magazines, Reviews, &c., 2852; Law and Theology, 327; Natural History, 189; Bohn's Libraries (various), 412. The small collection of musical works is being well used. During the year 1488 volumes have been bound or repaired. On pages 10 and 11 will be found a selection of works added in this department.

The number of Cards issued to Borrowers during the year was 3250, against 2850 for 1884 and 2500 for 1883. There were 1034 New Borrowers (414 females and 620 males), against 952 for 1884 and 934 for 1883. Statistics of the 1034 Borrowers are elsewhere given—the Wards wherein they resided and their Ages on page 6, and their Occupations on page 7; the Wards wherein the total number of Borrowers since December 1st, 1877 (7500), resided, the Cards as issued to them, and their Sex, being also shown on page 6. The system of advising Borrowers of Books they require by Post Cards still gives general satisfaction.

The total issues for 1885 were 66,003, representing 72,310 volumes—where practicable, in all classes, the two or more volumes of a work being issued simultaneously. The issues for 1884 were 57,806 (63,885 volumes), and 48,906 for 1883. A tabular statement on page 8 shows the nature and number of the issues monthly in 1885 and also for each month since 1877; it shows that there has been an increase in the Art and Science class of 204 issues, Biography of 427, Poetry and the Drama of 2, Fiction of 6093, Magazines and Reviews of 1359, Law and Theology of 90, and Natural History of 348, but a decrease in History and Travel of 326—being a total increase of 8197 issues. On page 9 are some interesting comparative statistics, compiled from 1885 reports, in regard to the stock, borrowers, volumes issued, and works of fiction, of this and other Free Libraries.

The Reading-Rooms (on the first floor) have been open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day except Sundays, Good Friday, Christmas-Day, and two days for structural alterations. The Women's Reading-Room was opened on March 9th, the registered visits thereto numbering 13,943. The Men's Reading-Room has been better attended than in any previous year. The order observed by the readers in both rooms was excellent.

The Reference Department contains 2541 volumes and 1511 pamphlets, &c.—(2095 and about 800 in 1884)—753 volumes and 1337 pamphlets, &c., being of a local character. There is also an increasing number of valuable local Maps, Portraits, Views, &c. A selection of additions to this department is given on pages 11 and 12.

The Donations to both departments have been numerous and valuable, and duly acknowledged to the various donors, for a list of whom see page 13. The various newspaper proprietors of the city and county have, as usual, supplied copies of their journals free; and this practice has also been kindly continued by the proprietors of many magazines and periodicals, shown on pages 14 and 15.

Wards wherein Borrowers Resided.

	Population. 1881.	New Borrowers in 1885.	Borrowers since Dec. 1st, 1877.
First Ward	6442	77	722
Second Ward	4039	71	519
Third Ward	27704	414	2826
Fourth Ward	2048	18	215
Fifth Ward	7437	124	912
Sixth Ward	14621	105	720
Seventh Ward	16556	118	811
Eighth Ward	8994	107	775
Totals	87841	1034	7500

Ages of Borrowers.

	New Borrowers in 1885.	Borrowers since Dec. 1st, 1877.
Above 14 and under 20	497	3586
,, 20 ,, 25	142	1000
,, 25 ,, 30	97	725
,, 30 ,, 35	63	461
,, 35 ,, 40	42	354
,, 40 ,, 45	31	258
,, 45 ,, 50	14	187
,, 50 ,, 55	31	155
,, 55 ,, 60	3	97
,, 60 and above	22	202
Not stated	92	475
Totals	1034	7500

In 1877-78 (thirteen months) 1545 Cards (260 to females and 1285 to males) were issued to Borrowers. 1879—1782 Cards were issued, 802 (201 and 601) being to New Borrowers; total from December 1st, 1877, 2347. 1880—the numbers were 2000, 770 (202 and 568), and 3117 respectively. 1881—2000, 683 (193 and 490), and 3800. 1882—2200, 780 (226 and 554), and 4580. 1883—2500, 934 (284 and 650), and 5514. 1884—2850, 952 (343 and 609), and 6466. 1885—3250, 1034 (414 and 620), and 7500—being 2123 female and 5377 male Borrowers.

Occupations of New Borrowers.

Accountants and Clerks ...	64
Agents and Collectors ...	9
Architects & Draughtsmen	3
Architects and Surveyors	3
Auctioneer	1
Bakers and Confectioners	10
Blacksmith	1
Bookbinders and Rulers ...	4
Booksellers and Stationers	6
Boot and Shoemakers ...	20
Box-makers	2
Brush-makers	9
Builders and Carpenters...	14
Butcher	1
Carriage-makers	2
Chemists and Druggists ...	2
Clergymen	6
Clickers	14
Clock and Watchmakers...	3
Clothiers...	2
Coachsmiths	2
Commercial Travellers ...	2
Coopers	5
Coppersmiths and Tinmen	4
Dentists	2
Domestic Servants	6
Drapers and Haberdashers	30
Electricians	2
Engineers and Machinists	39
Engraver	1
Errand and Office Boys ...	19
Finishers	2
Fishmonger	1
Foremen and Forewomen	2
French Polisher	1
Gardeners	4
Grocers and Greengrocers	15
Gun-makers	2
Hairdressers	3
Housekeepers	6
Ironmongers	3
Carried forward ...	327

Brought forward ...	327
Jewellers	2
Joiners	2
Labourers	13
Lithographers	2
Masons	4
Messenger	1
Millers	2
Milliners and Dressmakers	33
Musicians	3
Nurses	4
Ordnance Survey	2
Organ Builder	1
Organist	1
Painters and Decorators ...	6
Photographers	7
Plasterer	1
Plumbers and Glaziers ...	7
Porters and Packers ...	12
Post-office Employés ...	7
Printers	36
Publicans	3
Railway Employés ...	3
Reporters	2
Rivetters	10
Scholars and Students ...	43
Schoolmasters, Mistresses, and Pupil-Teachers ...	66
Shirt-makers	2
Shopkeepers	4
Soldiers	2
Solicitor	1
Tailors and Tailoresses ...	19
Upholsterer	1
Waiter	1
Warehousemen	9
Weavers	6
Wheelwright	1
Miscellaneous	116
No occupation, or not stated	272
Total	1034

Classified Register of Issues of Books for 1878 to 1885.

Months. 1885.	Days open. 1885.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corrspndce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews and Miscell.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Monthly Issues. 1885.	Avrge. Daily Issues. 1885.	Monthly Issues. 1878.	Monthly Issues. 1879.	Monthly Issues. 1880.	Monthly Issues. 1881.	Monthly Issues. 1882.	Monthly Issues. 1883.	Monthly Issues. 1884.
January...	22	163	157	58	3936	267	964	16	46	5607	255	2092	2791	2936	2517	2818	4197	4040
February..	20	152	129	57	3842	273	1003	24	40	5520	276	2245	2649	2840	2842	3410	3895	5049
March ...	22	161	169	59	4321	282	1106	34	58	6190	281	2576	3094	2586	3180	3709	4703	5640
April	19	136	163	56	3767	228	971	25	47	5393	283	2384	2688	3105	3162	3489	4324	5119
May	21	158	166	47	4072	234	1027	33	38	5775	275	2455	2542	3012	2878	3568	4332	5399
June	22	153	158	36	3920	234	859	27	97	5484	249	2172	2162	2864	2736	3425	4069	4666
July	22	147	122	28	4029	211	886	15	77	5515	251	2374	2714	2835	2873	3596	4034	4806
August ...	6	42	52	12	1469	70	277	3	15	1940	323	2173	1109	1217	527	1301	1461	1620
September	22	127	128	48	4279	249	793	25	61	5710	260	613	2033	1686	2442	*	3973	5148
October ...	22	206	175	44	4996	289	989	21	79	6799	309	2438	2862	3113	3300	*	4870	5378
November	20	169	163	62	4542	257	898	32	77	6200	310	2620	2708	3168	3319	2180	4720	5558
December	20	137	160	45	4153	297	982	27	69	5870	294	2166	2850	2672	3060	3396	4328	5383
Totals...	238	1751	1742	552	47326	2891	10755	282	704	66003	277	26308	30202	32034	32836	30892	48906	57806
1878	267	978	1132	595	18485	1814	2779	270	255	26308	99							
1879	291	843	964	353	21300	1828	3443	560	911	30202	104							
1880	290	1141	1697	639	19733	3030	5119	339	336	32034	110							
1881	231	907	1903	501	18881	2749	7323	295	277	32836	142							
1882	196	921	1311	318	19318	2577	5736	211	500	30892	158							
1883	244	1437	1148	566	32586	3033	9512	202	422	48906	200							
1884	242	1547	1315	550	41233	3217	9396	192	356	57806	239							

* Closed ten weeks extra.

Comparative Statistics from Free Library Reports, 1885.

Place.	Population, 1881.	Volumes in Stock.	Days open.	Borrowers.	Volumes Issued.	Volumes in Stock, Fiction.	Volumes Issued, Fiction.	Fiction Percentge. of Vols. Issued.	Vols. in Stock to Popltn., as 1 is to	Vols. in Stock to Issued, as 1 is to	Avrge. Vols. Issued Daily.	Borwrs. to Popltn., as 1 is to	Borwrs. to Vols. Issued, as 1 is to
Bradford	180459	30501	...	7453	323927	...	...	...	5·92	10·62	...	24·21	43·46
Cambridge	40882	22067	...	2818	80519	...	53275	66·16	1·85	3·65	...	14·51	28·57
Cardiff.....	82761	10272	291	2106	81103	...	59599	73·49	8·06	7·90	279	39·30	38·51
Doncaster	21139	...	292	1600	60233	...	45725	75·91	...	...	206	13·21	37·65
Dundee	140054	33065	294	7761	206317	9778	102309	49·59	4·23	6·21	702	18·05	26·58
Handsworth ...	22896	6700	251	1542	43012	1582	28240	65·66	3·42	6·42	171	14·85	27·89
Leamington Spa	22979	9148	...	5000	39272	2440	26193	66·70	2·51	4·29	...	4·60	7·85
Leeds	309126	102779	...	24196	665588	...	...	...	3·01	6·48	...	12·78	27·51
Manchester.....	393676	97606	...	38404	701489	26021	474901	67·70	4·03	7·19	...	10·25	18 27
Norwich	87841	9904	238	3250	72310	2995	51862	71·72	8·87	7·30	304	27·03	22·25
Nottingham ...	111631	29955	...	4130	187027	...	...	...	3·73	6·24	...	27·03	45·29
Reading	42050	10873	299	5623	101471	3211	74236	73·16	3·87	9·33	339	7·48	18·05
Richmond	19066	7500	246	3354	78931	2264	58272	73·95	2·54	10·52	321	5·68	23·53
Rochdale.....	68866	26353	297	5000	103921	9968	78115	75·17	2·61	3·94	350	13·77	20·78
Smethwick	25084	5126	247	2433	43276	2147	26340	60·87	4·89	8·44	175	10·31	17·79
Southport	32206	13025	304	...	76593	4555	52777	68·91	2·47	5·88	252	...	...
Walsall	59415	12086	...	...	72757	3618	55963	76·92	4·92	6·02	...	...	...
West Bromwich	56295	10965	229	...	49868	4115	28802	57·76	5·13	4·55	218	...	...
Wolverhampton	164303	22534	237	...	46183	6859	29041	62·88	7·29	2·05	195	...	...

A Selection from the Additions to the Library during 1885.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Abney's Instruction in Photography. Allen's Flowers and Their Pedigrees. Anglers' Evenings. Bardsley's English Surnames. Bechstein's Chamber and Cage Birds. Beck's Gloves: Their Annals, &c. Beeton's All About Cookery, and Complete Letter Writer. Biographical History of English Literature. Blackburn's Story of the Passion Play. Bouttell's English Heraldry. Brachet's Etymological Grammar of the French Tongue. Brassey's In the Trades, the Tropics, &c. Brewster's Letters on Natural Magic. Buckland's Curiosities of Natural History. Carleton's Traits and Stories of the Irish Peasantry. Christ Our Ideal. Colenso's Lectures on the Pentateuch, &c. Combe's System of Phrenology. Douglas Jerrold's Works. Dugald Stewart's Collected Works. Dawson's Origin of the World. De Pressensé's Early Years of Christianity. Dumphie's Sweet Sleep. Dunster's How to Make the Land Pay. Dyer's Imitative Art. E. B. Browning's Poetical Works. Earle's Philology of the English Tongue. Edinburgh Cabinet Library (38 vols.). Essays on Foreign Relations of England. Fables and Proverbs from the Sanskrit. Fitch's Lectures on Teaching. Foster's Fosteriana. Freeman's History of the Norman Conquest. Froude's Letters and Memorials of Jane W. Carlyle. George Eliot's Life by J. W. Cross. Harcourt and Madan's Exercises in Practical Chemistry. Hawkins's Old Point Lace. Hogarth's Musical History, Biography, and Criticism. Hole's Book About Roses. Hughes's Gone to Texas. Illustrated British Drama. Index to Journal of Society of Arts. J. Martineau's Types of Ethical Theory. Jane Stoker's Home Comfort. Jeaffreson's Real Lord Byron. Lansdell's Through Siberia. L'Estrange's Friendships of Mary A. Mitford. Levi's History of British Commerce. Liddell's Abridged Greek-English Lexicon. Life of F. D. Maurice. McGovan's Traced and Tracked. Mallock's Atheism and the Value of Life. Marshall's In the East Country. Marvin's Russians at the Gates of Herat. Memoir of M. D. Hill, Recorder of Birmingham. Memoirs of an Ex-Minister (Earl of Malmesbury). Merivale's History of the Romans Under the Empire. Milton and Cheadle's North-West Passage by Land. Molloy's Court Life Below Stairs. Morris and Skeat's Specimens of Early English, and of English Literature. Mrs. Jones's Sandringham, Past and Present. Musical Library. Palmer's Compendious Ecclesiastical History. Pamphlets on Church Establishment and Disestablishment. Pianoforte Music. Porter's Collection of Melodies, Duets, and Glees. Quartets and Trios for Flute, Piano, Violin, &c., by Beethoven, Haydn, and Mozart. Queer Quotes and Odd Jokes from 'Frisco. Reade's Study and

Stimulants. Rinck's Celebrated Practical School for the Organ. Russell's Representative Actors. Saunier's Watchmaker's Handbook. Seebohm's English Village Community. Senior's Waterside Sketches. Smiles's Invention and Industry. Southey's History of the Peninsular War. Stanford's Australia, and Central America, &c. Stoughton's History of Religion in England. Swedenborg's Angelic Wisdom, Heaven and Hell, &c. Taylor's Words and Places. Tylor's Anthropology. Tyrwhitt's Handbook of Pictorial Art. Unwin's Elements of Machine Design. Voice from the Dim Millions. Wallace's Egypt and the Egyptian Question. Walpole's Anecdotes of Painting in England. Waltzes, by Johann Strauss, &c. Wilson's Critical and Imaginative Essays. Works of Bossuet, Corneille, and Erckmann-Chatrian in French.

Various works published in series have been purchased, or secured as issued, such as Ancient Classics for English Readers, Eminent Women, Epochs of Ancient and of Modern History, Great Musicians, Half-Hour Library of Travel, Nature, and Science; International Scientific, Morley's Universal Library, &c., and Bohn's Libraries have been added to. Progress has also been made to complete sets of Magazines—Churchman, Edinburgh Review, Eliza Cook's Journal, Notes and Queries, Penny Magazine, &c.—and the leading current Magazines continue to be added as the volumes end.

The increasing demand for works of Fiction has led to large additions to that class—in part to replace many books worn out and in part to keep abreast of the times in securing new works as published—including those by Alexander, Björnson, Bremer, Bret Harte, Buchanan, Clarke, Farrar, Gerstaecker, Gibbon, Henty, Hook, J. and N. Hawthorne, Linton, McCarthy, Meredith, &c., and by other Authors more generally known to the bulk of the readers.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Acts of Parliament and Parliamentary Reports—Local, Social, &c. Annual Register (1758 to 1848). Art and Letters. Art Journal (1849 to 1880). Audsley's Keramic Art. Bentham's Principles of Morals and Legislation. Blackie's Comprehensive Atlas. British Association Report, Montreal Meeting. British Museum—Catalogues, and Medallic Illustrations of the History of Great Britain and Ireland. British Quarterly Review (1845 to 1884). Builders and Contractors' Price Book. Cassell's Dictionary of Cookery. Chambers's Etymological Dictionary. Complete Letter Writer (2). Every Man's Own Lawyer. Examples of Art Workmanship. Gardeners and Farmers' Reason Why. German Pronouncing Dictionary. Gould's Church of England Settled by the Act of Uniformity of 1662. Greenwell's British Barrows. Hay's Women of the Day. Health Exhibition Literature (19 vols.). Kerry-Nichols' The King Country (New Zealand). Kitto's Cyclopædia of Biblical Literature. Knight's

Pictorial History of England, and Mechanician. Lavater's Essays on Physiognomy. Lock's Workshop Receipts. Marshall's Genealogist's Guide. Neal's History of the Puritans. Oracle. Palgrave's Chairman's Handbook. Revised Version of the Bible ("The Parallel"). Rogers's History of Agriculture and Prices in England, from 1259. Speaker's Commentary. Statesman's Year-Book. Works added as published—Early English Text Society's Publications, Encyclopædia Britannica, Gentleman's Magazine Library, Ruskin's Præterita, and Stephen's Dictionary of National Biography; also as bound—Athenæum, Builder, Building News, Century Illustrated, Gardener's Magazine, Graphic, Harper's Magazine, Illustrated London News, Musical Times, Nonconformist and Independent, Notes and Queries, Punch, Saturday Review, Science Gossip, and Times.

In the Local Section of this Department:—Barwell's Nursery Government. Bolingbroke's Voyage to the Demerary. Bryant's Flora Diætetica. Copeman's Records of Obstetric Consultation Practice. Corbet's Poems (1672). Cotman's Specimens of Architectural Remains. Dalrymple's Anatomy of the Human Eye. Evidence and Reports, Norwich Bribery Commissions, 1869 and 1875. Field's Otium Norvicense, &c. Fransham's World in Miniature. Goodwin's Rising Castle. Husenbeth's Emblems of Saints, Faberism Exposed and Refuted, &c. Jerningham's To and From Constantinople. Jessopp's Diocesan History of Norwich. Keppel's Journey Across the Balcan. Life of W. Brock, D.D. Life of Rajah Brooke. Lord Nelson's Letters to Lady Hamilton and others, and Life of by Clarke and McArthur. Mackey's Mythological Astronomy. Mrs. Napier's Noble Boke off Cookry. New Election Budget (1786). Norfolk and Norwich Poll Books. Norwich Directories for 1783 and 1802. Ordnance Survey of Norwich, largest sheets. Report of Church Congress at Norwich, 1865. Rye's History of Norfolk, &c. Shuckford's Sacred and Prophane History of the World. Soul of Harmony: Collection of Glees, &c. Taylor's Reminiscences of Berlin. Trimmer's Companion to the Prayer-Book. Walcott's Memorials of Norwich. Wilkins's Essay on Norwich Castle. Wodderspoon's Historic Sites of Suffolk. Works added as published—East Anglian: Notes and Queries, Farrer's Church Heraldry, Mason's Norfolk, Norfolk and Norwich Archæological Society's Papers, and Winter's Selection of Norfolk Antiquities; also as bound—Daylight and Eastern Daily Press.

Reports have been received of similar institutions as follow:—Aston, Barrow-in-Furness, Birmingham, Bolton, Bradford, Brighton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Clitheroe, Doncaster, Dundee, Ealing, Glasgow, Handsworth, Kidderminster, Leamington, Leeds, Liverpool, Newcastle, Nottingham, Plymouth, Reading, Richmond, Rochdale, Rotherham, Salford, Sheffield, Smethwick, Southport, Tynemouth, Walsall, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Westminster, Wigan, and Wolverhampton.

List of Donors in 1885.

To one or other of the Departments Books, &c., have been presented by the Agent-General of New Zealand (per the Deputy-Mayor), Messrs. W. A. T. Amherst, E. W. Bewley, J. P. Briscoe, the British Association, Mr. G. Carpenter, the Cobden Club, Mr. J. J. Colman, the Committee of Lloyd's, the Committees of various Free Libraries, Messrs. S. English, H. F. Euren, A. C. Fryer, C. S. Gilman, pamphlets per Mr. A. H. Goose, Messrs. J. Gurney, J. H. Gurney, the Misses Hill, the Rev. H. Howell, Mr. T. Hurst, the Institution of Civil Engineers, Mr. G. B. Jay, the Norfolk and Norwich Archæological Society, Mr. H. Norton, the Oxford University, the Rev. J. Patteson, the Proprietors of various Magazines, Newspapers, and Periodicals marked (*) on pages 14 and 15, the Publishers of "The Builders and Contractors' Price Book," "The Mercantile Directory and Manufacturers' Guide," and of Prince's "Spiritual Philosophy," the Royal Colonial Institute, the Society of Arts, Messrs. P. Soman, T. Southwell, J. Stanley, the Swedenborg Society, Mr. J. Tate, Dr. S. T. Taylor, the Trustees of the British Museum, Messrs. W. V. Tyzack, R. E. C. Waters, E. P. Willins, and Miss Wilson.

The following Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers, are placed in the Reading-Rooms. Those marked (*) are presented.

ANNUALLY.

Cambridge University Calendar
Christian World Year-Book
Civil Service Year-Book
*Durham University Calendar
*East Anglian Handbook
London University Calendar
Oxford University Calendar

QUARTERLY.

Navy List
Oddfellows' Report (M.U.I.O.O.F.)

MONTHLY.

*Agricultural Economist
All the Year Round
*Amateur Photographer
*Anti-Adulteration Food Review
Argosy (2)
Army List
Art Journal
Atlantic Monthly
Belgravia
Blackwood's Edinburgh
*British Mail
*Building World
*Canadian Patent Office Record
Cassell's Dictionary of Needlework
Cassell's Family Magazine (2)
Cassell's Household Guide
Century Illustrated
Chambers's Journal (2)
*Christian Socialist
Contemporary Review
Cornhill
*Dietetic Reformer
*Ecclesiastical Observer
English Illustrated
*Englishwoman's Review
Every Boy's Magazine
*Financial Reformer
*Food
Fortnightly Review
*Friend of China
Gentleman's Magazine
*Good Health
Good Words
Harper's Magazine
*Herald of Health
Household Words
*Insurance

MONTHLY, *continued.*

*Insurance Times (American)
*International Arbitration Journal
*Inventor's Record
*Jewish Intelligence
*Journal of Vigilance Association
Ladies' Gazette of Fashion
Ladies' Treasury
*Leather Trades' Circular
Leisure Hour
Letts's Household Magazine
London Society
Longman's Magazine
*Machinery Market
Macmillan's Magazine
*Miller (Technical issue)
Mothers' Help
*Musical Times
National Review
*New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century
Oddfellows' Magazine
*Phillips' Machinery Register
*Plumber and Decorator
*Present Truth
*Provincial Medical Journal
Quiver
*Rechabite and Temperance
Science Gossip
Sylvia's Home Journal
*Tailor and Cutter
Technical Journal and Industrial Self-Instructor
Temple Bar
Tinsley's Magazine
*To-Day
*Tonic Sol-Fa Reporter
*Tract Magazine
*Women's Suffrage Journal

FORTNIGHTLY.

*Brewers' Guardian
*European Mail

TRI-WEEKLY.

Exchange and Mart

BI-WEEKLY.

*Norwich Argus (2, 1 bought)
*Norwich Mercury (2, 1 bought)

Magazines, Newspapers, &c., continued.

WEEKLY.

*Alliance News
*Amateur Photographer
Athenæum H
Australasian T
*Banner of Israel
*Boot and Shoe Trades Journal
*Boston Independent
Boy's Own Paper H
Builder M
*Builders' Reporter
Building News H
*Bullionist
*Bury Post
*Cambridge Independent
*Canadian Gazette
*Cassell's Saturday Journal (2, 1 bgt.) B
*Catholic Times
*Christian World (2, 1 bought) M
Christian World, Family Circle Ed.
*Civil Service Gazette
*Colliery Guardian
*Colonies and India (Home edition of European Mail)
*Co-operative News
*Daylight (2, 1 bought)
*Draper
*Eastern Weekly Press
Engineer H
*England
English Mechanic H
Era H
Family Herald S
Family Herald Supplement S
Field H
Fun M
Gardeners' Magazine H
Girl's Own Paper S
Graphic (2) H + B
Guardian M
*Hereford Times
Illustrated London News (2) H + B
*Invention and Inventors' Mart
*Ipswich Journal
*Iron
*Journal of Society of Arts
Judy H
*Justice
Lady's Pictorial S
*Literary World
Lloyd's Shipping Gazette B
*Lowestoft Journal

WEEKLY, *continued.*

*Lowestoft News and Observer
*Lowestoft Standard
*Lynn News and County Press
Mechanical World H
*Metropolitan
*Midland Herald
*Municipal Review
*Newcastle Chronicle
*Norfolk Chronicle (2, 1 bought)
*Norfolk Mail (2, 1 bought)
*Norfolk News (2, 1 bought)
Notes and Queries H
*People's Weekly Journal
Phonetic Journal H
Public Opinion H
Punch (2) H + M
Queen M
*Railway Times
*Richmond and Twickenham Times
Saturday Review H
*School Board Chronicle
School Guardian M
*Schoolmaster
Schoolmistress M
Spectator H
*Suffolk Chronicle
*Tablet
*Tailor and Cutter
*Train
*Unitarian Herald
*Universe
*Volunteer Service Gazette
*Weekly Register
*Worcester Herald
*Yarmouth Gazette
*Yarmouth Independent
*Youth

DAILY.

Chronicle (2)
*East Anglian Daily Times
*Eastern Daily Press (3, 2 bought)
*Eastern Evening News (2, 1 bought)
Echo
News
Norfolk Daily Standard
Pall Mall
Standard
St. James's Gazette
Telegraph
Times

Railway Time Tables.

Bradshaw
*Cook's Excursionist
*Fletcher's
*Great Eastern
*Great Northern
*Great Western
*Jarrold's
*London, Chatham, and Dover
*London and North Western
*London and South Western
*London, Brighton, and South Coast
*Midland
*South Eastern

Kelly's Directories.

Beds, Hunts, and Northamptonshire.
Berks, Bucks, and Oxon.
Birmingham, Staffs, Warwickshire, and Worcestershire.
Cambs, Norfolk, and Suffolk.
Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Notts, and Rutlandshire.
Essex, Herts, and Middlesex.
Hull and Lincolnshire.
Kent, Surrey, and Sussex.
Lancashire, Liverpool, and Manchester.
London.
Yorks (West Riding).

Acts of Parliament—Educational, Local, Social, &c.
Almanacks—Financial Reform, Whitaker's, &c.
Anglo-Indian and American Traders' Journal.
Bartlett's Familiar Quotations.
Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable.
Building Societies' Return, 1884-85.
Census of England and Wales, 1881.
Collins's Advertisers' Guardian and Advertisement Agents' Guide.
Cooper's Men of the Time.
Crockford's Clerical Directory.
Debrett's Peerage, Baronetage, and Knightage.
Export Merchant Shippers and Manufacturers' Trade Directory.
Eyre's Hotels of the United Kingdom.
Eyre's Norwich District Directory.
Howard's Roads of England and Wales.
Johnson's Civil Service Guide.
Kelly's Handbook to the Titled, Landed, and Official Classes.
List of Oddfellows' Lodges (M.U.I.O.O.F.)
May's British and Irish Press Guide.
Peace's Natal Directory and Register.
Perry's Manufacturers and Merchants' Directory.
Preston's (Chambers's) Index to Heirs-at-Law and Next-of-Kin.
Report of the Boundary Commissioners for England and Wales, 1885, Part I.—Counties.
Reports of the Committee of Council on Education.
Reports of Friendly and Industrial and Provident Societies and Trade Unions, 1884, Part A.
Southgate's Many Thoughts of Many Minds, 1st and 2nd Series.
Stubbs' Directory—Manufacturers, Merchant Shippers, and Professional.
The Queen's Speeches in Parliament, 1837-82.
Townsend's Manual of Dates.

The Army and Navy Lists and Time Tables are placed in the Lobby.

Financial Statement for the Year ending 31st December, 1885.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand	322	17	2
One Penny in the pound raised with the Borough Rate	1005	0	0
Rents	56	10	0
Sale of Borrowers' Cards, Catalogues, &c.	26	8	7
	£1410	15	9

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
By Salaries and Wages	277	9	10
Books	220	16	8
Newspapers and Periodicals	59	7	7
Bookbinding	107	17	10
Printing and Stationery	30	12	0
Interest on Loan	35	0	0
Instalment off ditto	200	0	0
Insurance	6	12	6
Gas and Coals	52	2	5
Repairs to Buildings, &c.	74	9	9
Furniture	14	14	1
Sundries	20	5	9
Balance in hand*	311	7	4
	£1410	15	9

* This Balance is absorbed by £200 due on the Loan Account and the current expenses to the commencement of the Lady quarter.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath out of such part of my personal Estate as may by Law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Treasurer for the time being of the Norwich Free Library, the sum of

(free from Legacy Duty), for the benefit of the Norwich Free Library Committee, to be expended in such way as they may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the said Treasurer for the time being shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

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*I bequeath**

**Books, Pictures, or other objects of Art or Interest.*

to the Treasurer for the time being of the Norwich Free Library (free from Legacy Duty, which duty I direct shall be paid out of my pure personality), for the benefit of the Norwich Free Library Committee, either for exhibition or such other purposes as they may deem expedient; and I further direct that the Receipt of the Treasurer of the said Committee shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

Donations may be intimated to the Librarian, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

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THE REPORT

OF THE

Free Library Committee

TO THE

TOWN COUNCIL.

1886-7.

Norwich:

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TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,

From January 1st, 1886, to March 25th, 1887.

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The Quarterly Meetings of the Committee will be held at the Library at 4 p.m. on the following days:—

April 13th, July 13th, and October 12th, 1887; and January 11th, 1888.

The Sub-Committees meet when required, and are specially summoned.

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"Books are strange things. Although untongued and dumb,
Yet with their eloquence they sway the world,
And, powerless and impassive as they seem,
Move o'er the impressive minds and hearts of men
Like fire across a prairie. Mind sparks,
They star the else dark firmament; they spur
The Thoughtless to reflection, raise the prone
With the strong leverage of intelligence;
Furnish the empty-minded, chart the soul
Through her stern, perilous voyage; pedestal
The Great and gifted, beckoning meaner men
To gaze upon their mightier works and ways.
O that all books were such!"

REPORT.

Another year of good and increasingly useful work constitutes, in brief, the report of the Committee to the Council. The stock of books is larger by nearly 2000 volumes since the last report was issued, and, as a natural consequence, the number of borrowers is also largely increased. The carefully tabulated statements of the Library Staff give particulars, and all readers can make their own comments.

The greatly needed catalogue is in a forward state of preparation, and the Committee hope to receive tenders for the printing at their next meeting, while the Sub-Committee for extending the uses of the Library to the Elementary Schools will also then submit their scheme. The urgent need of some provision for continuing the educational influences of elementary schools after children have arrived at the age of 11 or 12 years, when they read with facility and require *guidance* in the choice of books, has been so fully recognised by Mr. J. J. Colman, M.P., as to induce him to offer £50 as a donation towards this object; and it is hoped that his example will be followed by others who, like him, may see how desirable it is to provide healthy literature for young people while their minds are receptive and their natures plastic—for as Mr. Goschen so wisely said the other day in his admirable speech at the Mansion House on this subject, "If the more fortunate classes were to hear that

their children's moral and intellectual training would be stopped on attaining that age, they would consider it a most disastrous state of things;" and the last words of the late Mr. John Gurney, from Cannes, to the Vice-Chairman of the Committee were very significant of his strong interest in this matter, "I hope," said he, "you will not let the scheme drop," and the sad knowledge that his help is no longer available should make the Committee doubly earnest in carrying out his purpose.

The Committee very deeply regret the loss of their Chairman, and at their meeting on the 13th April they passed unanimously the following resolution:—

> "That this Committee, at their first meeting since the decease of the Chairman, desire to place upon the minutes a record of the deep sense they entertain of the service he has rendered during his occupation of the chair, and their great regret that his always ready counsel can no longer be exercised in the interests of the Library."

The vacancy in the Committee has been filled by the unanimous election of Mr. Russell J. Colman, who has shown his interest in the work of the Library by at once accepting the position; and at the same meeting the Vice-Chairman was promoted to the vacant chair.

The Committee desire also to express their continued satisfaction at the conduct of the business of the Library and the devoted interest in the work shown by the Librarian and his Staff.

The Lending Department has been open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. every day except Sundays, Thursdays, Good Friday, Bank Holidays, two polling-days at elections, and Christmas-Day—being open 239 days in 1886, and 60 days to March 25th, 1887. 1511 and 299

Books, making a total of 1810, have been added in this department during the year; and, allowing for books withdrawn, replaced, &c., there are in stock 11,206 Volumes, divided into the following classes:—Art, Science, &c., 1216; Biography and Correspondence, 892; Poetry and the Drama, 441; Fiction, 3211; History and Travel, 1519; Magazines, Reviews, &c., 3350; Law and Theology, 363; Natural History, 214. During the year over 2400 Volumes were professionally bound or repaired, a large number of minor repairs being done at the Library. On pages 12 and 13 will be found a selection of works added in this department—a selection, with that of the Reference Department, so indicative of the useful nature of many of the works now in the Library that the printing of the three pages for circulation among the working classes will be considered by the Committee.

The number of Cards issued to Borrowers during the year (including duplicates) was 3427, and 312 to March 25th, against 3250 for 1885 and 2850 for 1884, the actual number of Borrowers in 1886 being 3376, and to March 25th 267. There were 1063 New Borrowers in 1886 and 256 to March 25th, (541 females and 778 males), against 1034 for 1885 and 952 for 1884. Statistics of the 1319 Borrowers are elsewhere given—the Wards wherein they resided and their Ages on page 8, and their Occupations on page 9; the Wards wherein the total number of Borrowers since December 1st, 1877 (8819), resided, the Cards as issued to them, and their Sex, being also shown on page 8. The system of advising Borrowers of Books they require by Post Cards is largely used and gives general satisfaction.

The total issues for 1886 were 75,116, representing 81,365 volumes, and to March 25th 19,911 issues and 21,454 volumes, where practicable in all classes the two or more volumes of a work being issued simultaneously. The issues for 1885

were 66,003 (72,310 volumes), and 57,806 for 1884 (63,885 volumes). Tabular statements on pages 10 and 11, show the nature and number of the issues monthly in 1886 and part of 1887, and also for each month since 1877; that on page 10 shows that in 1886 there was an increase in the Art and Science class of 28 issues, Fiction of 7992, History and Travel of 542, Magazines and Reviews of 496, Law and Theology of 35, and in Natural History of 70; but a decrease in Biography of 8 and in Poetry and the Drama of 42—being a total increase of 9113 issues. On page 7 are some interesting comparative statistics, compiled from 1885-7 reports, in regard to the stock, borrowers, volumes issued, and works of fiction, of this and other Free Libraries.

The Reading-Rooms (on the first floor) have been open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day except Sundays, Good Friday, and Christmas-Day. The order observed by the readers in both rooms has continued excellent.

The Reference Department contains 3223 volumes and 1801 pamphlets, &c.—(2541 and 1511 in 1884)—919 volumes and 1512 pamphlets, &c., being of a local character. There is also an increasing number of valuable local Maps, Portraits, Views, &c. A selection of additions to this department is given on pages 13 and 14.

The Donations to both departments have been numerous and valuable (including a special donation of some 260 volumes of Calendars of State Papers, Chronicles, Records, &c., from Her Majesty's Stationery Office), and duly acknowledged to the various donors, for a list of whom see page 15. The various newspaper proprietors of the city and county have, as usual, supplied copies of their journals free; and this practice has also been kindly continued by the proprietors of many magazines and periodicals, shown on pages 16 to 18.

Comparative Statistics from Free Library Reports, 1885-7.

Place.	Population, 1881.	Volumes in Stock.	Days open	Borrowers.	Volumes Issued.	Volumes in Stock, Fiction.	Volumes Issued, Fiction.	Fiction Percentge. of Vols. Issued.	Vols. in Stock to Popltn., as 1 is to	Vols. in Stock to Issued, as 1 is to	Avrge. Vols. Issued Daily.	Borwrs. to Popltn., as 1 is to	Borwrs. to Vols. Issued, as 1 is to
Aston Manor ...	53842	6399	293	2500	73368	2157	40091	54·64	8·41	11·47	250	21·54	29·35
Birkenhead ...	84006	29222	297	4882	137876	9284	69989	50·76	2·87	4·72	464	17·21	28·24
Bolton	105414	24040	309	6900	87121	12806	70569	81·00	4·38	3·62	282	15·28	12·63
Cambridge ...	35363	22765	292	2795	81084	5804	54645	66·80	1·55	3·56	278	12·65	29·01
Cardiff	82761	11820	290	5058	109021	3839	86697	79·52	7·00	9·22	376	16·36	21·55
Derby	81168	13256	256	...	128719	4712	103876	80·70	6·12	9·72	501	...	...
Norwich, 1886	87842	10945	239	3376	81365	3187	60593	74·47	8·03	7·43	340	26·02	24·10
„ to Mar. 25	„	11206	60	3643	21454	3211	16292	75·93	7·84	1·91	357	24·11	5·89
Plymouth	73794	12583	285	...	122410	2811	70408	57·52	5·86	9·73	429	...	...
Preston	96537	13380	288	5520	110446	3267	72851	65·96	7·22	8·25	383	17·49	20·01
Rochdale	68866	27356	308	6000	141847	10552	111414	78·55	2·52	5·19	460	11·48	23·64
St. Helen's ...	57403	10222	310	1900	84836	4021	59330	69·93	5·62	8·30	273	30·21	44·65
Stockport	59553	13000	295	2427	76047	6067	59705	78·51	4·58	5·85	258	24·54	31·33
Walsall	58795	11947	289	7000	75891	3442	57191	75·36	4·92	6·35	263	8·40	10·84
West Bromwich	56295	10244	257	...	68334	3188	39566	57·90	5·50	6·67	266	...	...
Yarmouth (11 m.	46159	3820	277	3401	77095	1832	62576	81·17	12·08	20·18	278	13·57	22·67

Wards wherein Borrowers Resided.

	Population, 1881.	New Borrowers in 1886-7.	Borrowers since Dec. 1st, 1877.
First Ward	6442	30	752
Second Ward	4039	150	669
Third Ward	27705	488	3314
Fourth Ward	2048	27	242
Fifth Ward	7437	174	1086
Sixth Ward	14621	120	840
Seventh Ward	16556	200	1011
Eighth Ward	8994	130	905
Totals	87842	1319	8819

Ages of Borrowers.

	New Borrowers in 1886-7.	Borrowers since Dec. 1st, 1877.
Above 14 and under 20	660	4246
,, 20 ,, 25	176	1176
,, 25 ,, 30	99	824
,, 30 ,, 35	87	548
,, 35 ,, 40	64	418
,, 40 ,, 45	52	310
,, 45 ,, 50	28	215
,, 50 ,, 55	19	174
,, 55 ,, 60	17	114
,, 60 and above	22	224
Not stated	95	570
Totals	1319	8819

In 1877-78 (thirteen months) 1545 Cards (260 to females and 1285 to males) were issued to Borrowers. 1879—1782 Cards were issued, 802 (201 and 601) being to New Borrowers; total from December 1st, 1877, 2347. 1880—the numbers were 2000, 770 (202 and 568), and 3117 respectively. 1881—2000, 683 (193 and 490), and 3800. 1882—2200, 780 (226 and 554), and 4580. 1883—2500, 934 (284 and 650), and 5514. 1884—2850, 952 (343 and 609), and 6466. 1885—3250, 1034 (414 and 620), and 7500. 1886-7—3739, 1319 (541 and 778), and 8819—being 2664 female and 6155 male Borrowers, and comprising about 13 per cent. of the population over 14 years of age.

Occupations of New Borrowers.

Accountants and Clerks	78
Agents and Collectors ..	7
Architects & Draughtsmen	3
Architects and Surveyors	2
Bag-maker	1
Bakers and Confectioners	9
Blacksmith	1
Bookbinders and Rulers ..	3
Booksellers and Stationers	5
Boot and Shoemakers ..	24
Box-makers	9
Bricklayers	5
Brushmakers	16
Builders and Carpenters	17
Butcher	1
Cabinet-makers	7
Carriage-makers	8
Carver	1
Chemists and Druggists	6
Clergymen	9
Clickers	21
Clothiers	2
Coachsmiths	2
Commercial Travellers ..	6
Coopers	2
Domestic Servants ..	13
Drapers and Haberdashers	41
Engineers and Machinists	31
Engraver	1
Errand and Office Boys	40
Finishers	3
Gardeners	6
Grocers and Greengrocers	18
Hairdressers	2
Harness-maker	1
Carried forward ..	401

Brought forward ..	401
Housekeepers	10
Ironmongers	5
Jewellers	2
Joiners	6
Labourers	23
Lithographers	2
Masons	7
Milliners and Dressmakers	49
Musicians	2
Nurses	5
Painters and Decorators	17
Paperhanger	1
Pawnbroker	1
Photographers	2
Plasterer	1
Plumbers and Glaziers ..	2
Porters and Packers ..	18
Post-office Employés ..	8
Printers	33
Rivetters	5
Scholars and Students ..	83
Schoolmasters, Mistresses, and Pupil-Teachers ..	79
Shopkeepers	12
Tailors and Tailoresses ..	22
Tobacconist	1
Turner	1
Warehousemen	10
Whitesmiths	6
Wine Merchant	1
Miscellaneous	148
No occupation, or not stated ..	356
Total	1319

Classified Register of Issues of Books for 1886-7.

Months.	Days open.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corrpndce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellans.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Monthly Issues.	Average Daily Issues.
1886.											
January	22	168	168	62	4908	330	1083	30	77	6826	310
February	20	176	160	60	4725	332	1108	35	87	6683	334
March	23	214	212	72	5591	365	1342	30	87	7913	345
April	19	179	170	51	4863	292	1043	33	65	6696	352
May	22	162	185	56	4928	295	1153	33	79	6891	313
June	21	118	141	25	4459	294	1107	23	59	6226	296
July	21	112	151	31	4426	254	946	31	60	6011	286
August	7	31	24	5	1561	54	189	5	11	1880	269
September ..	21	141	103	22	4405	237	860	28	74	5870	280
October	22	154	129	32	5077	337	1119	17	54	6919	315
November ..	21	164	140	48	5165	318	1079	30	44	6988	333
December ..	20	160	151	46	5220	325	222	22	67	6213	311
Totals	239	1779	1734	510	55318	3433	11251	317	774	75116	314
1887.											
January	22	149	145	52	5563	253	948	35	53	7198	327
February	20	134	117	51	4943	233	1094	37	43	6652	333
March (to 25th)	18	151	117	21	4536	201	995	23	17	6061	337
Totals	60	434	379	124	15042	687	3037	95	113	19911	332

Classified Register of Issues of Books for 1878 to 1886-7.

Years.	Days open.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corrspndce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews and Miscellans.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Average. Daily Issues.
1878	267	978	1132	595	18485	1814	2779	270	255	99
1879	291	843	964	353	21300	1828	3443	560	911	104
1880	290	1141	1697	639	19733	3030	5119	339	336	110
1881	231	907	1903	501	18881	2749	7323	295	277	142
1882	196	921	1311	318	19318	2577	5736	211	500	158
1883	244	1437	1148	566	32586	3033	9512	202	422	200
1884	242	1547	1315	550	41233	3217	9396	192	356	239
1885	238	1751	1742	552	47326	2891	10755	282	704	277
1886	239	1779	1734	510	55318	3433	11251	317	774	314
1887	60	434	379	124	15042	687	3037	95	113	332
Total	2298	11738	13325	4708	289222	25259	68351	2763	4648	183

Monthly Issues of Books for 1878 to 1885.

Months.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	Totals.
January ...	2092	2791	2936	2517	2818	4197	4040	5607	26998
February ...	2245	2649	2840	2842	3410	3895	5019	5520	28450
March ...	2576	3094	2586	3180	3709	4703	5640	6190	31678
April	2384	2688	3105	3162	3489	4324	5119	5393	29664
May	2455	2542	3012	2878	3568	4332	5399	5775	29961
June	2172	2162	2864	2736	3425	4069	4666	5484	27578
July	2374	2714	2835	2873	3596	4034	4806	5515	28747
August ...	2173	1109	1217	527	1301	1461	1620	1940	11348
September	613	2033	1686	2442	closed 10 weeks extra.	3973	5148	5710	21605
October ...	2438	2862	3113	3300		4870	5378	6799	28760
November...	2620	2708	3168	3319	2180	4720	5558	6200	30473
December ...	2166	2850	2672	3060	3396	4328	5383	5870	29725
Totals ...	26308	30202	32034	32836	30892	48906	57806	66003	324987

The monthly issues for 1886 (75,116), and to March 25th, 1887 (19,911), make the total number of issues from 1878 to 1886-7 to be 420,014.

A Selection from the Additions to the Library during 1886-7.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Adam's Comic Poets of the 19th century. Angus' Handbook of the English Tongue. Arnold's Light of Asia. Arnold's Literature and Dogma, and God and the Bible. Ballantine's Old World and the New. Beecher's English Lectures, and English Sermons. Bert's First Year of Scientific Knowledge. Bettany's Eminent Doctors. Billing's Science of Gems, Jewels, Coins, and Medals. Black's Gas-Fitting: a Practical Handbook. Bright's England: Mediæval, Personal, and Constitutional Monarchy. Browne's History of the Highlands and Highland Clans. Carnegie's Triumphant Democracy. Catlowe's Popular Greenhouse Botany. Clements' Fields of Great Britain: a Text-book of Agriculture. Clodd's Myths and Dreams. Cotterill's Ships and Sailors, Ancient and Modern. Cullingworth's Manual of Nursing, Medical and Surgical. Cunningham's Growth of English History and Commerce. Davitt's Leaves from a Prison Diary. D'Ewe's Sporting in Both Hemispheres. De Salamanca's Philosophy of Handwriting. Delamotte's Book of Ornamental Alphabets. Dicey's Lectures on the Law of the Constitution. Ewald's Representative Statesmen, and Stories from State Papers. Ellis' Women of England: Their Social Duties, &c. Fairholt's Dictionary of Terms of Art. Fleming's Old Violins and their Makers. Frazar's Practical Boat-Sailing. Froude's English in Ireland in the 18th century. Fyfe's Triumphs of Invention and Discovery in Art and Science. Gladman's School Work: Control, Teaching, Organization, &c. Geikie's Life and Words of Christ. Hardingham's Republic of Cicero. Harris' Treatise on Galvanism and Animal and Voltaic Electricity. Hasluck's Lathe-Work: a Practical Treatise. Henfrey's Guide to the Study of English Coins. History of British Costume. Hooper's Revelation of Jesus Christ by John Expounded. James' Naval History of Great Britain. Jenyns' Book about Bees. Lambert's Handbook of Needlework. Lees' Science and Bible Temperance Text-books, &c. (7 vols.) Lives of Eminent and Illustrious Englishmen, 849-1834. Leno's Art of Boot and Shoemaking. Lubbock's Flowers, Fruits, and Leaves. McCarthy's England under Gladstone, 1880-1884. Martyrs of the 19th century: Livingstone, Gordon, and Patteson. Meyer's Complete Guide to the Game of Chess. Mitchel's History of Ireland. Morris' Earthly Paradise. Mother of the Wesleys: a Biography. Müller's Narrative of the Lord's Dealings with Him. Nicholson's Manual of Bookbinding and of Marbling. Noble's Queen's Taxes. Onslow's Landlords and Allotments. Papers for the Times, on Religion, Ethics, Literature, &c. Parker's Collected Works, Edited by Frances P. Cobbe. Pierce's English Chess Problems. Prantl's Elementary Text-book of Botany. Prendergast's Cromwellian Settlement of Ireland. Reade's African Sketch-book. Ritchie's To Canada with Emigrants. Robinson's British Bee Farming: Its Profits and Pleasures. Robinson's Sinners and Saints. Rosseter and Wright's Modern House Painting. Routledge's English Rule and Native Opinion in India. Rudimentary Architecture—Orders, Style, and Design. Runnymede Letters. Ryle's Bishops and Clergy of Other Days. Sala's Living London:

being "Echoes" Re-Echoed. Scherer's History of German Literature. Shakespeare's Library: List of Histories, Plays, &c., employed by Him in His Works. Spencer's System of Synthetic Philosophy. Sprague's Electricity: Its Theory, Sources, and Applications. Stanford's Conpendium of Geography and Travel (6 vols.). Stanley's Congo and the Founding of Its Free State. Taylor's Autobiography, 1800-1875. Templeton's Practical Mechanic's Workshop Companion. Timbs' Anecdote Biography. Watts' Art of Leather Manufacture. White's Story of a Great Delusion (Vaccination). Wigley's Our Home Work: Manual of Domestic Economy. Youatt's The Horse: Its Breeds, Management, and Diseases.

Various works published in parts or series continue to be added —such as Art Hand-Books and Text-Books, County and Diocesan Histories, Eminent Women, Great Musicians, International Scientific, and Morley's Universal Library; also the leading current Magazines as the volumes end. A few additions have been made to Bohn's Libraries. The stock of Fiction has been well kept up, books worn out having been replaced, and duplicates of others to a great extent with works by recent popular writers—including A. J. Church, R. Haggard, and Edna Lyall—also procured. Attention is called to an increased number of Phonographic works, both for instruction in the Art and for Reading purposes; and specially so to large additions of works interesting and useful to those musically inclined.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

In the General Section of this Department—Ash's Dictionary of the English Language. Biographical Dictionary of Eminent Scotchmen. Butler's Lives of the Fathers, Martyrs, &c. Cassell's Natural History. Co-operative Index to Periodicals for 1885. Cushing's Initials and Pseudonyms: a Dictionary of Literary Disguises. Demmin's Weapons of War: History of Arms and Armour. Donaldson's Agricultural Biography, 1480-1854. Edwards' Free Town Libraries. Freund's Copious and Critical Latin-English Lexicon. Grant's Tartans of the Clans of Scotland. Historical Manuscripts Commission's Reports. Hunter's Imperial Gazetteer of India. Lucy's Popular Handbook of Parliamentary Procedure. Lumley's New Sanitary Laws. Parliamentary History of England to 1803 (36 vols.) Popular Scientific Recreations. Price's Guildhall of London: Its History and Associations. Ruskin's On the Old Road, and Stories of Venice. Spon's Mechanics' Own Book and Workshop Receipts. Sulley's Outlines of Psychology, with Special Reference to Education. Tredgold's Elementary Principles of Carpentry and on Timber. United States Consular Reports on Commerce, Manufactures, &c. Various Systems of Shorthand. Works in parts or volumes as published—Board of Trade Journal, Dictionary of National Biography, Early English Text Society's Publications, Encyclopædia Britannica, Gentleman's Magazine Library, Leech's Pictures of Life and Character, New English Dictionary, Notes and Queries, Ruskin's Præterita, and the Times Law Reports; also, periodically bound, the Times and Times Weekly Edition, the leading Illustrated Magazines and Newspapers, and Literary, Professional, and Religious Journals.

An increased number of valuable works has been kindly sent by the Trustees of the British Museum, consisting of Catalogues of the Blastoidea in the Geological Department, Birds, Books in the Galleries in the Reading-Room, Fossil Mammalia, Greek Coins, Indian Coins, Japanese and Chinese Paintings, Lizards, Palæozoic Plants, Printed Books and Periodical Publications in parts, and Printed Maps, Plans, and Charts; Guides to Assyrian Antiquities, Exhibition Galleries, and Greek and Roman Antiquities; Index to Catalogue of Early Italian Prints; and Subject-Index of the Modern Works added in 1880-1885.

In the Local Section of this Department—Bathurst's Memoir and Correspondence. Beaumont's Fixed Stars: Analyzation and Refutation of Astrology. Bury's Exodus of the Western Nations. Cotman's Etchings, &c. Creeny's Monumental Brasses on the Continent of Europe. Crome and His Works, &c., by J. Wodderspoon. Crotch's Elements of Musical Composition. Davies' On Dutch Waterways. Divine Physician: Rules for Prevention and Cure of Diseases (1709). Eade's Some Account of the Parish of St. Giles'. Edwards' Old Inns, Eastern England. Edwards' Infidel King of the Last Days. Emerson and Goodall's Life and Landscape on the Norfolk Broads. Father Ignatius' Mission Sermons. Fisher's Angler's Souvenir. Goodwin's A Being Filled with the Spirit (1670). Govett's Gospel Analogies and other Sermons. Hall's Holy Raptures, Christ Mysticall, &c. (1653). Hinds' Rise and Early Progress of Christianity. Hodgson's Antiquarian Remains. Hull's Baptismal Regeneration. Jessopp's History and Antiquities of St. Gregory's Church. Kitton's Dickensiana. Life, Letters, and Sermons of Bishop Herbert de Lozinga. Maudslay's Notes and Extracts Respecting the Family of Bokenham. Oldfield's History of the Original Constitution of Parliaments. Overall's Concerning Government of Church and World (1690). Palmer and Tucker's Palgrave Family Memorials. Parr's Works, with Memoirs and Selection from Correspondence. Perowne's Sermons on the Lord's Prayer. Peto's Taxation: Its Levy and Expenditure. Rye's Three Norfolk Armories. Spilling's Wreath and the Ring. Town Close Estate: Admissions and Admitted Documents. Turner's Outlines in Lithography. Wilson's Sermons for Sunday Evenings. There have also been added as published, by presentation, or as special opportunities to purchase arose—the Archæological Society's Papers, Engravings, Etchings, Farrer's Church Heraldry, Old Newspapers, Ordnance Survey Sheets (Norfolk), Pamphlets, Plans, Portraits, and Winter's Norfolk Antiquities.

Reports of similar institutions have been received as follow:—Aston Manor, Birkenhead, Birmingham, Blackpool, Bolton, Bradford, Brighton, Cambridge, Cheltenham, Chester, Clitheroe, Coventry, Derby, Doncaster, Dundee, Ealing, Glasgow, Leamington Spa, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Northwich, Nottingham, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond, Rochdale, St. Helen's, Salford, Southport, Stockport, Tunbridge, Walsall, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, and Westminster.

List of Donors in 1886-7.

To one or other of the Departments, Books, &c., have been presented by Mr. J. N. Bacon, Mr. R. Lee Bliss, the British Association for the Advancement of Science, Mr. L. Cobb, the Cobden Club, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. and Mr. R. J. Colman, the Committees of various Free Libraries, the Directors of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, Sir P. Eade, Mr. H. F. Euren, various Friends and Proprietors for the Magazines, Newspapers, and Periodicals marked (*) on pages 16 to 18, Sir J. Garrick, Mr. C. S. Gilman, Miss Gooch, Mr. H. Grey, Mr. G. G. Hardingham, Messrs. Hazell & Co., Mr. J. Hibbert, Mr. F. B. Hooper, the Rev. Canon H. Howell, Mr. G. B. Jay, the Librarian of the Royal College of Surgeons, the London Central Agency for Advertisements, Mr. J. D. Mullins, the Norfolk and Norwich Temperance Society, Mr. H. Norton, the Rev. J. Patteson, the Publisher of Stubbs' Directory, the Registrar of Dublin University, the Royal Colonial Institute, the Royal Commission for Victoria, Mr. J. Spilling, Mr. P. Soman, the Rev. O. Tancock, the Trustees of the British Museum, and the Trustees of the Melbourne Public Library; and also from Her Majesty's Stationery Office.

The following Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers, are placed in the Reading-Rooms. Those marked (*) are presented.

ANNUALLY.

Cambridge University Calendar
Christian World Year-Book
*Durham University Calendar
*East Anglian Handbook
Edinburgh University Calendar
Educational Year-Book
Hazell's Annual Cyclopædia
London University Calendar
Oxford University Calendar
Royal College of Surgeons Calendar
Statesman's Year-Book

QUARTERLY.

Navy List
Oddfellows, Report (M.U.I.O.O.F.)

MONTHLY.

*Agricultural Economist
All the Year Round
*Amateur Photographer
*Anti-Adulteration Food Review
Argosy (2)
Army List
Art Journal
Atlantic Monthly
Belgravia
Blackwood's Edinburgh
*British Mail
*Building World
*Canadian Patent Office Record
Cassell's Dictionary of Needlework
Cassell's Family Magazine (2)
Cassell's Household Guide
Century Illustrated
Chambers' Journal (2)
*Christian Socialist
Congregational Review
Contemporary Review
Cornhill
*Dietetic Reformer
*Ecclesiastical Observer
English Illustrated
*Englishwoman's Review
Every Boy's Magazine
*Financial Reformer
*Food
Fortnightly Review
*Friend of China
Gentleman's Magazine
Girl's Own Paper

MONTHLY, *continued.*

*Glad Tidings
*Good Health
Good Words
Harper's Magazine
*Herald of Health
Household Words
*Indent, Colonial Prices Current
*Insurance
*Insurance Spectator
*Insurance Times (American)
*International Arbitration Journal
*Inventor's Record
*Jewish Intelligence
*Journal of Vigilance Association
Ladies' Gazette of Fashion
Ladies' Treasury
*Leather Trades' Circular
Leisure Hour
Letts' Household Magazine
London Society
Longman's Magazine
*Machinery Market
*Machinery Mart
Macmillan's Magazine
*Miller (Technical issue)
Mothers' Help
Murray's Magazine
*Musical Times
National Review
*New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century
Oddfellows' Magazine
*Phillips' Machinery Register
*Plumber and Decorator
*Present Truth
*Provincial Medical Journal
Quiver
*Rechabite and Temperance
Science Gossip
Scribner's Magazine
Sylvia's Home Journal
*Tailor and Cutter
Technical Journal and Industrial Self-Instructor
Temple Bar
Tinsley's Magazine
*To-Day
*Tonic Sol-Fa Reporter
*Tract Magazine
*Women's Suffrage Journal

Magazines, Newspapers, &c., continued.

Fortnightly.

*Brewers' Guardian
*European Mail

Tri-Weekly.

Exchange and Mart

Bi-Weekly.

*Norwich Argus (2, 1 bought)
*Norwich Mercury (2, 1 bought)

Weekly.

*Alliance News
*Amateur Photographer
Athenæum
Australasian
*Banner of Israel
*Boot and Shoe Trades Journal
*Boston Independent
Boy's Own Paper
Builder
*Builders' Reporter
Building News
*Bullionist
*Bury Free Press
*Bury Post
*Cambridge Independent
*Canadian Gazette
*Cassell's Saturday Journal (2, 1 bought)
*Catholic Times
*Christian World (2, 1 bought)
Christian World, Family Circle Ed.
*Civil Service Gazette
*Civil Service Times
*Colliery Guardian
*Colonies and India (Home edition of European Mail)
*Commonweal
*Co-operative News
*Daylight (2, 1 bought)
*Draper
*Eastern Weekly Press
Engineer
Engineering
*England
English Mechanic
Era
Family Herald
Family Herald Supplement
Field
Fun
Gardeners' Magazine
Graphic (2)

Weekly, *continued.*

Guardian
*Hereford Times
Illustrated London News (2)
*Invention and Inventors' Mart
*Ipswich Journal
*Iron
*Journal of Society of Arts
Judy
*Justice
Lady's Pictorial
*Literary World
Lloyd's Shipping Gazette
*Lowestoft Journal
*Lowestoft News and Observer
*Lowestoft Standard
*Lynn News and County Press
Mechanical World
*Metropolitan
*Midland Herald
*Municipal Review
Newcastle Chronicle
*Norfolk Chronicle (2, 1 bought)
*Norfolk News (2, 1 bought)
Notes and Queries
*People's Weekly Journal
Phonetic Journal
*Present Truth
Public Opinion
Punch (2)
Queen
*Railway Times
*Richmond and Twickenham Times
Saturday Review
*School Board Chronicle
School Guardian
*Schoolmaster
Schoolmistress
Shorthand Times
Spectator
*Suffolk Chronicle
*Tablet
*Tailor and Cutter
Times Parliamentary Debates
Times Weekly Edition
*Unitarian Herald
*Universe
*Volunteer Service Gazette
*Watchword
*Weekly Register
*Worcester Herald
*Yarmouth Gazette
*Yarmouth Independent
*Youth

Daily Newspapers.

Chronicle (2)
*East Anglian Daily Times
*Eastern Daily Press (3, 2 bought)
*Eastern Evening News (2, 1 bgt.)
Echo
News
Norfolk Daily Standard
Pall Mall
Standard
St. James' Gazette
Telegraph
Times

Railway Time Tables.

Bradshaw
*Cook's Excursionist
*Great Eastern
*Great Northern
*Great Western
*London, Chatham, and Dover
*London and North Western
*London and South Western
*London, Brighton, & South Coast
*Midland
*Norwich—Fletcher's & Jarrold's
*South Eastern

Kelly's Directories.

Beds, Hunts, and Northamptonshire.
Berks, Bucks, and Oxon.
Birmingham, Staffs, Warwickshire, and Worcestershire.
Cambs, Norfolk, and Suffolk.
Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Notts, and Rutlandshire.
Essex, Herts, and Middlesex.
Hull and Lincolnshire.
Kent, Surrey, and Sussex.
Lancashire, Liverpool, and Manchester.
London.
Yorks (West Riding).

Acts of Parliament—Educational, Local, Social, &c.
Advertiser's A B C of Official Scales and Charges and Press Directory.
Almanacks—Financial Reform, Whitaker's, &c.
Anglo-Indian and American Traders' Journal.
Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable, and Southgate's Many Thoughts.
Business Directory of London and Provincial and Foreign Trade Guide.
Census of England and Wales, 1881.
Civil Service Guides—A B C and Johnson's
Collins' Advertisers' Guardian and Advertisement Agents' Guide.
Cooper's Men of the Time, and Crockford's Clerical Directory.
Debrett's Peerage, Baronetage, and Knightage.
Export Merchant Shippers and Manufacturers' Trade Directory.
Eyre's Hotels of the United Kingdom.
Eyre's Norwich District Directory, and Jarrold's Norwich Directory.
Haydn's Dictionary of Dates, and Townsend's Manual of Dates.
Howard's Roads of England and Wales.
Kelly's Handbook to the Titled, Landed, and Official Classes.
Lamb's Trades' Diaries (twelve in one vol.), &c.
May's British and Irish Press Guide.
Mercantile Directory and Manufacturers' Guide.
Parliamentary Reports and Returns—Fishery, Gas Works, Schools, &c.
Perry's Manufacturers and Merchants' Directory.
Preston's (Chambers') Index to Heirs-at-Law and Next-of-Kin.
Spencer's Things New and Old, and Cawdray's Storehouse of Similes.
Stubbs' Directory—Manufacturers, Merchant Shippers, & Professional.
The Queen's Speeches in Parliament, 1837-82.

The Army and Navy Lists and Time Tables are placed in the Lobby.

Financial Statement for the Year ending March 24th, 1887.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand, March 25th, 1886 ..	591	7	3
1d. in the £ raised with the Borough Rate	1025	0	0
Rents	50	12	8
Sale of Borrowers' Cards, &c.	28	16	9
School of Art, proportion of cost of Water	3	12	6
Telephone Company (way leave) ..	0	18	0
	£1700	7	2

Balance of Loan, £200.

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
By Salaries and Wages	361	15	8
Books	231	10	4
Compiling Catalogue	40	0	0
Newspapers and Periodicals	74	13	2
Bookbinding	127	6	3
Printing and Stationery	33	4	6
Interest on Loan	22	19	9
Instalment of Loan	200	0	0
Insurance	6	12	6
Gas and Coals	66	0	7
Repairs to Buildings	92	18	11
Book-cases and Shelving as purchased of Trustees of Literary Institution and Furniture	82	18	0
Sundries	25	9	9
March 24th, 1887.			
Balance in hand	334	17	9
	£1700	7	2

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath out of such part of my personal Estate as may by Law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Treasurer for the time being of the Norwich Free Library, the sum of

(free from Legacy Duty), for the benefit of the Norwich Free Library Committee, to be expended in such way as they may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the said Treasurer for the time being shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

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*I bequeath**

**Books, Pictures, or other objects of Art or Interest.*

to the Treasurer for the time being of the Norwich Free Library (free from Legacy duty, which duty I direct shall be paid out of my pure personality), for the benefit of the Norwich Free Library Committee, either for exhibition or such other purposes as they may deem expedient; and I further direct that the Receipt of the Treasurer of the said Committee shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

Donations may be intimated to the Librarian, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

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Library School

CITY OF NORWICH.

THE REPORT

OF THE

Free Library Committee

TO THE

TOWN COUNCIL.

1887-8.

Norwich:
W. H. STEVENS, STEAM PRINTER, BOOKBINDER, ETC., FISHMARKET

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THE REPORT

OF THE

FREE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,

From March 26th, 1887, to March 25th, 1888.

COMMITTEE :

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MR. COUNCILLOR J. ALLEN
MR. COUNCILLOR J. F. BOSWELL
SIR H. BULLARD (*Deputy-Mayor*)
MR. COUNCILLOR F. J. CROTCH
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MR. ALDERMAN S. NEWMAN, J.P.
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MR. COUNCILLOR H. W. STAFFORD
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APPOINTED BY THE ABOVE.

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GEORGE EASTER, LIBRARIAN.

H. HAYWARD, R.-R. ATTENDANT. | RICHARD LLOYD, ASSISTANT.

The Quarterly Meetings of the Committee will be held at the Library at 4 p.m. on the following days :—

April 11th, July 11th, and October 10th, 1888 ; and January 9th, 1889.

The Sub-Committees meet when required, and are specially summoned.

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"I love vast libraries; yet there is a doubt
If one be better with them or without—
Unless he use them wisely, and indeed,
Knows the high art of what and how to read.
At learning's fountain it is sweet to drink,
But 'tis a nobler privilege to think;
And oft from books apart, the thirsting mind
May make the nectar which it cannot find,
'Tis well to borrow from the good and great;
'Tis wise to learn; 'tis godlike to create!"

Saxe.

REPORT.

It is well, perhaps, occasionally to "talk with our past hours, and ask them how they might have borne more welcome news"—and such an occasion seems to present itself after ten years' working of the existing management of the Library.

The present Librarian was appointed in 1877, starting with a stock of 3500 books in the Lending Department and almost none in the Reference Department; whereas the present stock consists of 11,500 for Lending and 5000 for Reference purposes, about 1200 of the latter, with 1650 pamphlets, pictures, &c., being of a local character and purchased with fines imposed for detaining books beyond the time allowed for reading.

The number of borrowers in 1877 was 1540, whereas the number in 1887 was 3550; the number of issues of books in the same period increasing from 27,000 to 77,000—about 10,000 of the population of the city over 14 years of age having taken advantage of the boon afforded by this department.

Thus it will be seen that the Librarian, as well as the Committee, must have worked steadily and industriously in the development and use of the resources at their command; and perhaps "more welcome news" after ten years could have been scarcely given, except under more favourable conditions, as the

work had to be performed with less than an average of a penny in the pound, and the great burden of a debt of £1800 upon the building, which during the period under revision has been entirely cleared off.

For 1882 it was reported that Sir Harry Bullard had presented to the Library some fifty volumes of valuable scientific works for reference. In 1887-8 a large addition has been made to the Science and Art section of works for circulation, through the thoughtful liberality of the senior M. P. for the city, Mr. J. J. Colman (see page 18). Upon the amalgamation of the Literary Institution and the Public Library many duplicates of works were offered for sale, and your Committee have secured about 730 vols. suitable both for circulation and reference.

The scheme for extending the benefits of the Library to the Elementary Schools in the city seems likely to be carried out at last, as Subscriptions for that purpose are now coming in, and the Committee are confident of being able to sustain it out of their regular income when it is once set going.

The recent revision of the working Staff of the Library will, it is hoped, be conducive to the comfort and convenience of the borrowers, as the Lending Department will in future be open continuously from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day except Thursdays.

The new Catalogue will, it is hoped, be in the hands of Borrowers by June 25th, when the new plan of issuing continuously will commence.

The Lending Department has been open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. every day except Sundays, Thursdays, Good Friday, Bank Holidays, and Christmas-Day—being open 242 days during the year. 1183 Books have been added in this department during the year; and, allowing for

books withdrawn, replaced, &c., there are in stock 11,534 volumes, divided into the following classes:—Art, Science, &c., 1278; Biography and Correspondence, 1034; Poetry and the Drama, 490; Fiction, 3370; History and Travel, 1647; Magazines, Reviews, &c., 3073; Law and Theology, 405; Natural History, 237. During the year 1750 volumes passed through the binder's hands, as well as a large number repaired in the Library. On pages 14 and 15 will be found a selection of works added in this department.

The number of Cards issued to Borrowers during the year (including duplicates) was 3900, against 3427 for 1886 and 3250 for 1885, the actual number of Borrowers in 1887-8 being 3550. There were 1020 New Borrowers in 1887-8 (425 females and 595 males), against 1063 for 1886 and 1034 for 1885. Statistics of the 1020 Borrowers are elsewhere given—the Wards wherein they resided and their Ages on page 10, and their Occupations on page 11; the Wards wherein the total number of Borrowers since December 1st, 1877 (9839), resided, the Cards as issued to them, and their Sex, being also shown on page 10. The system of advising Borrowers of Books they require by Post Cards is largely used and gives general satisfaction.

The total issues for 1887-8 were 77,250, representing 82,636 volumes, where practicable in all classes the two or more volumes of a work being issued simultaneously. The issues for 1886 were 75,116 (81,365 volumes), and for 1885 66,003 (72,310 volumes). Tabular statements on pages 9, 12, and 13, show the nature and number of the issues monthly in 1887-8 and the yearly and monthly issues since 1877; that on page 12 shows for 1887-8 an increase in the Poetry and the Drama class of 253 issues, Fiction of 2122, and in Magazines and Reviews of 1477, but a decrease in Art and Science of 66, Biography of 463, History and Travel of 1091, Law and Theology of 24, and in Natural History of 74—being a total increase of 2134 issues.

The Reading Rooms (on the first floor) have been open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day except Sundays, Good Friday, and Christmas-Day. The order observed by the readers in both rooms has been excellent, notwithstanding the large numbers attending.

The Reference Department contains about 5000 volumes and 2000 pamphlets, &c.—(3223 and 1801 in last report)—about 1200 volumes and 1600 pamphlets, &c., being of a local character. There is also an increasing number of valuable local Maps, Portraits, Views, &c. A selection of additions to this department is given on pages 15 to 17.

The Donations to both departments have been numerous and valuable, and duly acknowledged to the various donors, for a list of whom see pages 18 and 19. The various newspaper proprietors of the city and county have, as usual, supplied copies of their journals free, and this practice has also been kindly continued by the proprietors of many magazines and periodicals, shown on pages 20 to 22.

Classified Register of Issues of Books for 1887-8.

Months. 1887-8.	Days open.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corspndce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellans.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Monthly Issues.	Average Daily Issues.
March (aft. 25th)	4	29	4	9	930	34	211	6	13	1236	309
April .. .	19	167	5	57	4943	220	969	23	45	6429	338
May	21	192	115	57	4879	173	1065	28	56	6565	312
June	20	103	139	40	4614	136	1017	36	60	6145	307
July	22	66	100	54	4628	223	1091	27	67	6256	284
August .. .	11	52	17	12	1589	68	317	7	18	2080	189
September ..	21	144	109	46	4913	190	935	24	39	6400	304
October .. :	22	174	150	86	5191	243	1170	33	51	7098	322
November ..	22	167	140	106	5317	228	1210	34	57	7259	329
December .	20	158	121	62	5104	217	1178	22	69	6931	346
January	22	158	138	84	5357	236	1244	19	89	7325	332
February	21	150	134	85	5320	203	1222	23	70	7207	343
March (to 25th)	17	153	99	65	4655	171	1099	11	66	6319	371
Totals	242	1713	1271	763	57440	2342	12728	293	700	77250	319

Wards wherein Borrowers Resided.

	Population, 1881.	New Borrowers in 1887-8.	Borrowers since Dec. 1st, 1877.
First Ward	6442	37	789
Second Ward	4039	74	743
Third Ward	27705	399	3713
Fourth Ward	2048	17	259
Fifth Ward	7437	98	1184
Sixth Ward	14621	132	972
Seventh Ward	16556	162	1173
Eighth Ward	8994	101	1006
Totals	87842	1020	9839

Ages of Borrowers.

	New Borrowers in 1887-8.	Borrowers since Dec. 1st, 1877.
Above 14 and under 20	503	4749
,, 20 ,, 25	148	1324
,, 25 ,, 30	97	921
,, 30 ,, 35	69	617
,, 35 ,, 40	42	460
,, 40 ,, 45	30	340
,, 45 ,, 50	11	226
,, 50 ,, 55	21	195
,, 55 ,, 60	17	131
,, 60 and above	22	246
Not stated	60	630
Totals	1020	9839

In 1877-78 (thirteen months) 1545 Cards (260 to females and 1285 to males) were issued to Borrowers. 1879—1782 Cards were issued, 802 (201 and 601) being to New Borrowers; total from December 1st, 1877, 2347. 1880—the numbers were 2000, 770 (202 and 568), and 3117 respectively. 1881—2000, 683 (193 and 490), and 3800. 1882—2200, 780 (226 and 554), and 4580. 1883—2500, 934 (284 and 650), and 5514. 1884—2850, 952 (343 and 609), and 6466. 1885—3250, 1034 (414 and 620), and 7500. 1886-7—3739, 1319 (541 and 778,) and 8819. 1887-8—3900, 1020 (425 and 595), and 9839—being 3089 female and 6750 male Borrowers, and comprising about 14 per cent. of the population over 14 years of age.

Occupations of New Borrowers.

Agents	8
Architects	2
Assistants	17
Bakers and Confectioners	14
Barmaids	2
Blacksmiths	3
Bookbinders	4
Bookfolders	5
Booksellers and Stationers	3
Boot and Shoemakers ..	20
Box-makers	8
Brewers	2
Brushmakers	14
Builders and Carpenters	11
Cabinet-makers	9
Café Keepers	4
Carriage-builders ..	2
Carters	6
Cashiers	2
Chemists and Druggist	4
Clergymen and Minister	6
Clerks	48
Clickers	4
Cutters	5
Domestic Servants ..	12
Drapers and Haberdashers	18
Dressmakers and Milliners	48
Engineers	4
Errand and Office Boys	31
Factory Hands	4
Finishers	10
Fitters	4
French Polishers	2
Gardeners	4
Grocers and Greengrocers	18
Grooms	3
Hairdressers	6
Housekeepers	2
Carried forward ..	369

Brought forward ..	369
Independent	15
Inspectors	2
Ironmongers	2
Labourers	29
Laundresses	3
Lithographers	2
Machinists	15
Matrons	2
Musicians	2
Organ-makers	2
Packers	3
Pages	2
Paper Folders, &c. ..	5
Painters and Decorator ..	5
Photographers	2
Plumbers	3
Police Officers	3
Porters	11
Post-Office Employés ..	3
Printers	31
Rivetters	11
Rulers	2
Sack Merchants	2
Salesmen	2
Scholars and Students ..	34
School Masters, Mistresses, and Teachers.. ..	58
Signalmen	2
Silkwinders	2
Tailors and Tailoresses ..	28
Telegraphic Employés ..	7
Upholsterers	6
Warehousemen	6
Watchmakers	5
Weavers	5
Miscellaneous	55
Not stated	284
Total	1020

Classified Register of Issues of Books for 1878 to 1887-8.

Years.	Days open.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corspndce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellans.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Yearly Issues.	Average Daily Issues.
1878	267	978	1132	595	18485	1814	2779	270	255	26308	99
1879	291	843	964	353	21300	1828	3443	560	911	30202	104
1880	290	1141	1697	639	19733	3030	5119	339	336	32034	110
1881	231	907	1903	501	18881	2749	7323	295	277	32836	142
1882	196	921	1311	318	19318	2577	5736	211	500	30892	158
1883	244	1437	1148	566	32586	3033	9512	202	422	48906	200
1884	242	1547	1315	550	41233	3217	9396	192	356	57806	239
1885	238	1751	1742	552	47326	2891	10755	282	704	66003	277
1886	239	1779	1734	510	55318	3433	11251	317	774	75116	314
*1887	60	434	379	124	15042	687	3037	95	113	19911	332
1887-8	242	1713	1271	763	57440	2342	12728	293	700	77250	319
Totals	2540	13451	14596	5471	346662	27601	81078	3056	5348	497264	196

* In 1887 the Library year commenced March 26th instead of January 1st. For comparing yearly issues those for 1886 are given as above; and on page 13, for comparing monthly issues those for the last few days in March, 1887, are added to those for March (to 25th), 1888.

Monthly Issues of Books for 1878 to 1887-8.

Years.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Yearly Totals.
1878	2092	2245	2576	2384	2455	2172	2374	2173	613	2438	2620	2166	26308
1879	2791	2649	3094	2688	2542	2162	2774	1109	2033	2862	2708	2850	30202
1880	2936	2840	2586	3105	3012	2864	2835	1217	1686	3113	3168	2672	32034
1881	2517	2842	3180	3162	2878	2736	2873	527	2442	3300	3319	3060	32836
1882	2818	3410	3709	3489	3568	3425	3596	1301	closed weeks	ten extra	2180	3396	30892
1883	4197	3895	4703	4324	4332	4069	4034	1461	3973	4870	4720	4328	48906
1884	4040	5049	5640	5119	5399	4666	4806	1620	5148	5378	5558	5383	57806
1885	5607	5520	6190	5393	5775	5484	5515	1940	5710	6799	6200	5870	66003
1886	6826	6683	7913	6696	6891	6226	6011	1880	5870	6919	6988	6213	75116
*1887	7198	6652	6061										19911
	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	
1887-8	6429	6565	6145	6256	2080	6400	7098	7259	6931	7325	7207	7555	77250
Totals	42789	43417	39949	41014	15308	33875	42777	44720	42869	48347	48992	53207	497264

* See note on page 12.

A Selection from the Additions to the Library, during 1887-8.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Abercromby's Weather: Popular Exposition of Nature of Weather Changes. Addison's History of the Knights Templars. Andrews' Curious Epitaphs. Arnold's Indian Idylls. Bach's Principles of Singing, with Vocal Exercises. Baker's Cyprus As I Saw It in 1879. Barnard's Metric System of Weights and Measures. Berlioz' Faust. Bernay's Science of Home Life, Binet's Animal Magnetism. Bishop's Four Months in a Sneak Box. Blanche, Queen of Castile; a Poem, by Ronda. Bottesini's Garden of Olivet. Brown's John Bunyan: His Life, Times, and Work. Bulwer's Historical Calendars. Buttmann's Greek Grammar for High Schools. Chambers' Ancient Sea Margins. Christian Sabbath in Its Various Aspects. Cobbett's Legacy to Labourers, and Legacy to Parsons. Collins' Perranzabuloe, the Lost Church Found. Countess of Dalhousie's Memoir of G. Pasolini. Cox's Commentary on the Book of Job. Craik's Romance of the Peerage. Cumming's Wild Men and Wild Beasts. Dawson's Biographical Lectures. De Gasparin's Near and Heavenly Horizons. Doran's Book of the Princes of Wales, and Habits and Men. Dowden's Shakspere: Critical Study of His Mind and Art. Draper's Human Physiology, Statical and Dynamical. Eighteen Years on the Sandringham Estate. England's Workshops. Escott's England: Its People, Polity, and Pursuits. Farini's Roman State, tr. by W. E. Gladstone. Fleming's Animal Plagues: Their History, Nature, and Prevention. Freeman's Speech Formation, as the Basis for True Spelling. Gladstone's Organ Music for Church Use, and Select Anthems from Works of English Composers. Goulburn's Holy Catholic Church. Grace's Biography and Treatise on Cricket. Greville's Journal of Reign of Queen Victoria. Guizot's Washington, tr. by H. Reeve. Haweis' My Musical Life. Heron-Allen's Violin-Making. Hogg's Fruit Manual. Hollingshead's Miscellanies: Stories and Essays. Hughes' Memoir of J. Fraser, Bishop of Manchester. Irby and Mangles' Travels in Egypt and Nubia. Jesse's Memoirs of the Court of England. Jubilee of Queen Victoria, reprinted from the Times. Lamartine's Souvenirs, Impressions, et Pensées, pendant un Voyage en Orient. Leno's Art of Boot and Shoe Making. Ley's Scripture Studies. Life and Remains of T. E. Hook. Lord Brabazon's Social Arrows, and Some National and Board School Reforms. Lucy's East by West. MacColl's Three Years of the Eastern Question. Mackay's Extraordinary Popular Delusions. Macready's Reminiscences and Selections from His Diaries and Letters. Marston's Dramatic and Poetical Works. Martineau's Study of Religion. Meliora, or Better Times to Come. Memoir of T. Bewick, with Wood Engravings. Memoirs, Journal, and Correspondence of T. Moore. Meredith's Shaving of Shagpat and Farini. Northgate's Lathe and Its Uses. Our Little Life: Essays Consolatory and Domestic. Patton's Death of Death. Reports of Artizans visiting Paris Exhibition, 1867. Representative British Orations (in Phonography). Richmond's Grammar of Lithography. Rivers'

Rose Amateur's Guide. Rogers' Fruit Cultivator, Sala's Gaslight and Daylight: London Scenes. Selections from the Organ Music of J. H. Rinck. Smith's Smaller Classical Mythology. Standard Essays on State Churches. Stephen's Essays in Ecclesiastical Biography. Stevenson's Underwoods. Stirling's Old Drury Lane: Fifty Years' Recollections. Stoke's Memory, and Rapid Writing. Sullivan's Golden Legend. Taylor's Sagacity and Morality of Plants. Ticknor's History of Spanish Literature. Townsend's History of House of Commons. Treasury of Botany, ed. by J. Lindley and T. Moore. Walker's Plays for Children. Walpole's Letters to Sir Horace Mann. White's Life in Christ. Whitman's Conventional Cant. Works of J. Hervey. Wright's The Celt, the Roman, and the Saxon. Writings of British Reformers. Young's Tour in Ireland, 1776-1779. Zumpt's Latin Grammar.

Various works published in series continue to be added—such as Diocesan Histories, Epochs of History, Imperial Parliament, International Scientific, Literature and History Primers, and Morley's Universal Library; also the leading current Magazines to date. Musical and Phonographic works are being added, and Gilfillan's British Poets and several other sets of books have been completed. The Stock of Fiction has been well kept up, nearly 200 books worn out having been replaced, and duplicates of others by popular writers procured.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

In the General Section of this Department—Agricultural Returns of Great Britain, 1887. A'Beckett's Comic Blackstone. Black Book of England (1848). Boutell's English Heraldry. Burton's Diary, (M.P. from 1656 to 1659). Cabinet of Elegant Extracts, Religious, Moral, &c. Cassell's Library of English Literature, ed. by J. Morley. Cutts' Scenes and Characters of the Middle Ages. Disraeli's Commentaries on Life and Reign of Charles I. Dove's Domesday Studies. Ellis' Correspondence and Original Letters. Evans' Ancient Stone Implements, &c., of Great Britain. Gerard's Herball or Generall Historie of Plantes (1636). Guide to Employment in the Civil Service. Hain's Merchandise Marks Act. Hotten's Original Lists of Persons of Quality who Went to America, 1600-1700. Hunter's Imperial Gazetteer of India. Kenrick's Ancient Egypt. King's Classical and Foreign Quotations. Lawrence's History and Delineation of the Horse and Notices of Sportsmen. Leader's Franchise, Manual of Registration, &c. Leech's Pictures of Life and Character. Liber Albus: White Book of the City of London. Lindsay's Mind in the Lower Animals. Loudon's Arboretium et Fruticetum Britannicum. Marshall's Specimens of Antique Carved Furniture and Woodwork. Marsh's Clubs of London: Anecdotes, Sketches, &c. Memoirs of the House of Russell. Modern Etiquette in Public and Private. Muspratt's Chemistry: Theoretical, Practical, and Analytical. Neison's Moon and Its Surface. Proceedings of Royal Colonial Institute. Queen Caroline's Trial, Evidence for Prosecution and Defence. Report, Evidence, &c., on National Provident Insurance. Report of British Association Meeting at Birmingham.

Report of Industrial Remuneration Conference. Reports of the Education Commission. Return of Owners of Land, England and Wales, 1873. Shakespeare's Works in Reduced Facsimile from folio of 1623. Shields' Final Philosophy from Harmony of Science and Religion. Sonnenschein's Best Books: Readers' Guide. Southey's Common Place Book. Stevens' Flint Chips: Guide to Pre-Historic Archæology. Transactions of the Royal Historical Society. Universal Songster, or Museum of Mirth. Ure's Dictionary of Arts, Manufactures, and Mines. Wilkinson's Manners and Customs of Ancient Egyptians. Wilson's Bryologia Britannica (Mosses). Wright's Domestic Manners and Sentiments in England in Middle Ages.

Works in parts or volumes as published have here, too, been added—such as Dictionary of National Biography, Encyclopædia Britannica, Gentleman's Magazine Library, New English Dictionary, Times Law Reports and Parliamentary Debates, and Wyclif Society's Publications; also a large number of Magazines and other valuable Works for Reference, including in the former the Annual Register, Field, Land and Water, Quarterly Review, and Zoologist, with (periodically bound), the Eastern Daily Press, Times (daily and weekly editions), &c., the leading Illustrated Magazines and Newspapers, and Literary, Professional, and Religious Journals.

The Trustees of the British Museum have kindly forwarded Birch's Egyptian Texts of Earliest Period, from the Coffin of Amamu; Blumhardt's Catalogue of Bengali Printed Books; Catalogues of Coins of the Shahs of Persia, English Coins (Anglo-Saxon series), Fossil Mammalia, Greek Coins (Attica, &c., and Peloponnesus), Lizards, Perching Birds, Printed Books, and of Seals in the MSS. Department; General Guide to Natural History Department; Guides to the Reptiles and Fishes, and Shell and Starfish Galleries; and Index to Printed Publications.

In the Local Section of this Department — Anglo-Jewish Historical Exhibition Publications. Asty's Rejoicing in the Lord, and Saint's Hope in Heaven (1683). Bacon's Theological Essays (1829). Barwell's Edward, the Crusader's Son. Bedingfield's Paraphrase on Isaiah (1726). Blomefield's Collectanea Cantabrigiensia (1751). Blomfield's General View of the World. Bourn's Discourses and Sermons. Bower's From Advent to Advent. Brightwell's Notes on the Pentateuch. Buxton's Notes of Thought. Camden's Magna Britannia, Norfolk part. Collings' Weaver's Pocket Book, or Weaving Spiritualised (1675). Copeman's Cases of Midwifery, by J. G. Crosse. Divorce Between Lady Howard and the Earl of Essex (1651). Doomsday Book, vol. for Essex, Norfolk, and Suffolk. Enigmatical Repository for 1827. Fox's Lectures, Chiefly to the Working Classes. Fuller's "Our Lady" of Walsingham. Greene and Peele's Dramatic and Poetical Works. Guardian of Education (1802-6). Gurney's Record of the House of Gournay. Hall's Balm of Gilead (1660). Haslam's "Yet Not I," or More Years of My Ministry. Henderson's Memorials of J. Venning. Kemp's Exposition of Differences Between Scripture and Calvinism. Kettus, Alexandrine-Villi, Sine-furoribus Norfolciensium Ketto Duce

(1582). Key's Gospel Among the Masses. Kinghorn's Baptism, a Term of Communion at Lord's Supper. Knights' Highways and Byeways of Old Norwich. Lessons for Every Day in the Year. Madge's Truth and Value of Unitarian Doctrine. Martineau's Playfellow, and Hour and the Man. McDougall's Letters from Sarawak. Montacvtio, Apparatus ad Origines Ecclesiasticas Collectore (1635). More's Table from the Beginning of the World (1593). Newton's Studies in Science and Practice of Public Speaking, &c. Opie's Lectures on Painting, with Memoir by Mrs. Opie. Palmer's Tolhouse Restored. Pearson's Exposition of the Creed. People's Music Book, ed. by J. Turle and E. Taylor. Phelpes' Needful Counsel for Lukewarm Christians (1672). Phillippo's Jamaica: Its Past and Present State. Quarterly Musical Magazine and Review. Randall's Titles of Our Lord, Adopted by Himself. Scudamore's Office of the Intellect in Religion. Southwell's Marie Magdalen's Funerall Teares (1634, reprint 1823). Special Report of System of Sewage. Stracey's Short Sermons on the Psalms. Tancock's Marlowe's Edward II. Taylor's Records of My Life. Trimmer's Essay on Christian Education, Companion to Book of Common Prayer, &c. Upjohn's Discourse on the Parables of Our Lord. Wilks' Half Century: Its History Political and Social. Wilson's Churchman's Manual of Apostolical Doctrine. Walloon Church of Norwich: Its Ministers and History.

There have also been added as published, by presentation, or as special opportunities to purchase arose—East Anglian Notes and Queries, Engravings, Etchings, Farrer's Church Heraldry, Magazine Articles, Old Newspapers, Ordnance Survey Sheets (Norfolk), Pamphlets, Plans, Portraits, Winter's Norfolk Antiquities, Works by W. Rye and about Lord Nelson, and Bills issued at Yarmouth Elections.

Annual Reports from the following similar Libraries have been received, the figures respectively denoting the number of the Report and apparent age of the Library:—Aberdeen, Aston 9, Barrow-in-Furness 5, Birmingham 26, Bradford 17, Brighton 13, Cambridge 32, Cardiff 25, Chester 9, Clitheroe 9, Derby 16, Devon and Exeter 17, Doncaster 18, Dublin 3, Dudley, Dundee, Ealing 4, Hereford 15, Kidderminster 6, Leamington, Leeds 17, Liverpool 34, Manchester 35, Plymouth 10, Richmond 6, Runcorn 5, Salford 39, Sheffield 31, Shrewsbury 1, Smethwick, Stafford 5, Stockport 11, Swansea 13, Tonbridge 5, Twickenham 5, Walsall 29, Wandsworth 2, Wednesbury 9, West Bromwich 13, Wigan 9.

List of Donors in 1887-8.

Mr. J. J. Colman's present referred to on page 6 consisted of Anderson's Strength of Materials and Structures. Andrieux' Vegetable Garden. Art of Tea Blending: Handbook for the Tea Trade. Ashenhurst's Design in Textile Fabrics. Ayrton's Practical Electricity: Laboratory and Lecture Course. Baines' Greenhouse and Stove Plants. Barry's Railway Appliances, with Notice of Rolling Stock. Beale's Profitable Poultry Keeping. Benedikt's Chemistry of the Coal Tar Colours. Bevan's British Manufacturing Series: Hosiery and Lace, Carpets, Dyeing, &c. Bottone's Dynamo: How Made and How Used. Buchan's Plumbing: Text Book, with Chapters on House Drainage. Brush's Manual of Determinative Mineralogy and on Blow-Pipe Analysis. Cook's Bee-Keeper's Guide, or Manual of the Apiary. Cotterill's Applied Mechanics: Introduction to Theory of Structures and Machines. Davidson's Practical Manual of House-Painting, Graining, Sign-Writing, &c. Denton's Handbook of House Sanitation, and Sewage Disposal: Ten Years Experience of Intermittent Downward Filtration. Dobson's Foundations and Concrete Works, and Rudiments of the Art of Building. Du Moncel's and Geraldy's Electricity as a Motive Power, and Telephone, Microphone, and Phonograph. Early's Profitable Market Gardening. Fahie's History of Electric Telegraphy to the year 1837. Faija's Portland Cement for Users. Fleming's Practical Horse Keeper. Ganot's Natural Philosophy for General Reader and Young People. Geikie's Elementary Lessons in Physical Geography. Glasgow's Watch and Clock Making. Glazebrook's Physical Optics. Glazebrook and Shaw's Practical Physics. Greenhill's Differential and Integral Calculus, with Applications. Greenwood's Steel and Iron. Grindon's Fruits and Fruit Trees, Home and Foreign. Herbert's Fish and Fisheries: Prize Essays, 1882. Hummel's Dyeing of Textile Fabrics. Elementary Instruction in Practical Biology, by T. Huxley and others. Jamieson's Text Book on Steam and Steam Engines. Jukes-Browne's Student's Handbook of Historical Geology, and Student's Handbook of Physical Geology. Kay-Shuttleworth's First Principles of Modern Chemistry. Kennedy's Mechanics of Machinery. Kentish's Complete Art of Making Fireworks. Kirke's Handbook of Physiology. Landauer's Blowpipe Analysis, Lloyd's Science of Agriculture. Lloyd's Treatise on Magnetism: General and Terrestial. Lock's Treatise on Higher Trigonometry. Long's British Dairy Farming, with Descriptions of Continental Systems. McLaren's Spinning Woollen and Worsted. Maxwell's Theory of Heat. Mullin's Modern Moulding and Pattern Making. Oliver's Lessons in Elementary Botany. Parker's Course of Instruction in Zootomy (Vertebrata). Penman's Land Surveying on the Meridian and Perpendicular System. Perry's Elementary Treatise on Steam, and Practical Mechanics. Planté's Storage of Electrical Energy, and Effects Created by Currents, &c. Procter's Management and Treatment of the Horse. Remsen's Introduction to the Study of Organic Chemistry. Roland's Farming for Pleasure and Profit: Tree Planting. Smith's Cutting Tools Worked by Hand and Machine. Shone's Main Drainage of the Houses of Parliament on the Shone Hydro-Pneumatic System. Spon's Present Practice of Sinking and

Boring Wells. Swindell and Burnell's Rudimentary Treatise on Wells and Well Sinking. Tarn's Science of Building, Elementary Treatise on Construction. Thorpe's Series of Chemical Problems, with Key. Todhunter's Algebra for the Use of Colleges and Schools. Wanklyn's Tea, Coffee, and Cocoa: Practical Treatise on Analysis. Watt's Manual of Chemistry, Inorganic and Organic. Williams' Manual of Telegraphy. Wood's Modern Window Gardening, and Tree Pruner and on the Pruning of Shrubs, &c. Woodward's Geology of the Country Around Norwich. Woodward's Manual of the Mollusca and Appendix. Wormell's Electricity in the Service of Man. Wright's Handbook for Young Brewers. The following works for reference were included:—Dana's Descriptive Mineralogy, comprising the Most Recent Discoveries. Daniell's Text Book of the Principles of Physics. Deschanel's Elementary Treatise on Natural Philosophy. Kick's Flour Manufacture: Treatise on Milling Science and Practice. Newton's Vertebrata of the Forest Bed Series of Norfolk and Suffolk. Thompson's Dynamo-Electric Machinery: Manual for Students of Electrotechnics. Yeats' Manuals of Commerce—1, Natural History of the Raw Materials of Commerce; 2, Technical History of Commerce; 3, Growth and Vicissitudes of Commerce in All Ages; 4, Recent and Existing Commerce, with Statistical Supplement.

To one or other of the Departments Books, &c., have also been presented by Mr. R. Lee Bliss, the British Association for the Advancement of Science, Sir H. Bullard, Mr. S. G. Buxton, Committees of various Free Libraries as on page 17, Mr. W. H. Dakin, Mr. H. F. Euren, Mr. H. Freeman, various Friends and Proprietors for the Magazines, Newspapers, and Periodicals marked (*) on pages 20 to 22, Mr. Hanworth, Mr. A. J. Harvey, Rev. C. H. Hosken, the India Office, Mr. G. B. Jay, Mr. G. A. King, Mr. M. Knights, Mrs. Ley, Mr. J. S. C. Morris, Mr. Newgent, Mr. H. Norton, Mr. J. M. Patton, Mr. J. J. D. Paul, Messrs. I. Pitman & Sons, the Publisher of Stubbs' Directory, Mr. J. Pursaill, Mr. T. A. Reed, the Registrar of Durham University, Mr. Restieaux, the Royal Colonial Institute, Mr. C. W. Shields, Miss Spurgeon, Messrs. Sonnenschein & Co., Mr. W. H. Stevens, Rev. O. W. Tancock, Mr. J. H. Tench, the Trustees of the British Museum (see page 16), and the Victorian Agent-General.

The following Magazines, Reviews, Newspapers, Directories, &c., are placed in the Reading Rooms. Those marked (*) are presented.

ANNUALLY.

Cambridge University Calendar
Christian World Year-Book
*Durham University Calendar
*East Anglian Handbook
Edinburgh University Calendar
Educational List and Directory
Hazell's Annual Cyclopædia
Liberal Year-Book
London University Calendar
Oxford University Calendar
Statesman's Year-Book

QUARTERLY.

Edinburgh Review
Navy List
Quarterly Review

MONTHLY.

*"A 1"
*Agricultural Economist
All the Year Round
*Animal World
Argosy (2)
Army List
Art Journal
Atalanta
Atlantic Monthly
Belgravia
Blackwood's Edinburgh
Board of Trade Journal
*Building Society's Gazette
*Canadian Patent Office Record
Cassell's Family Magazine (2)
Century Illustrated
Chambers' Journal (2)
*Concord
Congregational Review
Contemporary Review
Cornhill
*Cottager and Artizan
*Ecclesiastical Observer
English Illustrated
*Englishwoman's Review
Every Boy's Magazine
*Financial Reformer

MONTHLY, *continued.*

*Food
Fortnightly Review
*Friend of China
Gentleman's Magazine
Girl's Own Paper
*Glad Tidings
*Good Health
Good Words
Harper's Magazine
*Herald of Health
Household Words
*Imperial Federation
*Indent, Colonial Prices Current
*Insurance and Banking Review
*Jewish Intelligence
*Journal of Commerce
Ladies' Gazette of Fashion
Ladies' Treasury
*Leather Trades' Circular
Leisure Hour
London Society
Longman's Magazine
Macmillan's Magazine
*Miller (Technical issue)
Murray's Magazine
*Musical Budget
*Musical Times
National Review
*New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century
Oddfellows' Magazine
*Our Own Gazette
*Our Work
*Phillips' Machinery Register
*Plumber and Decorator
Quiver
Science Gossip
Scribner's Magazine
Sylvia's Home Journal
Technical Journal and Industrial Self-Instructor
Temple Bar
Tinsley's Magazine
*Tonic Sol-Fa Reporter
*Tract Magazine
*Vegetarian Messenger
Westminster Review
*Woman's World
Women's Suffrage Journal

Magazines, Newspapers, &c., continued.

FORTNIGHTLY.

*Brewers' Guardian
*Present Truth

TRI-WEEKLY.

Exchange and Mart

BI-WEEKLY.

*Norwich Argus (2, 1 bought)
*Norwich Mercury (2, 1 bought)

WEEKLY.

*Agriculture
*Alliance News
*Amateur Photographer
Athenæum
Australasian
*Banner of Israel
*Boot and Shoe Trades Journal
*Boston Independent
Boy's Own Paper
Builder
*Builders' Weekly Reporter
Building News
*Bullionist
*Cambridge Independent
*Canadian Gazette
Cassell's Saturday Journal (2)
*Catholic Times
*Christian World (2, 1 bought)
Christian World, Family Circle Ed.
*Civil Service Competitor
*Civil Service Gazette
*Civil Service Times
*Colliery Guardian
*Colonies and India (Home edition of European Mail)
*Co-operative News
*Daylight (2, 1 bought)
*Eastern Weekly Press
*Echoes
Engineer
Engineering
*England
English Mechanic
Era
Family Herald
Family Herald Supplement
Field
Fun
Gardeners' Magazine
*Gardening World
Graphic (2)

WEEKLY, *continued.*

Guardian
*Hereford Times
*Horticultural Times
Illustrated London News (2)
*Invention and Inventor's Mart
*Iron
*Journal of Society of Arts
Judy
Lady's Pictorial
Land and Water
*Leather Trades' Weekly Circular
*Literary World
*Lowestoft Journal
*Lowestoft Standard
*Lynn News and County Press
Mechanical World
*Metropolitan
*Midland Counties' Herald
Nation
Newcastle Chronicle
*Norfolk Chronicle (2, 1 bought)
*Norfolk News (2, 1 bought)
*Norfolk Weekly Standard
Notes and Queries
Pall Mall Budget
*People's Weekly Journal
Phonetic Journal
Public Opinion
Punch (2)
Queen
*Richmond and Twickenham Times
Saturday Review
*School Board Chronicle
School Guardian
*Schoolmaster
Schoolmistress
Shipping Gazette, Lloyd's List
Shorthand Weekly News
Spectator
*Sydney Mail
*Tablet
*Tailor and Cutter
Times Parliamentary Debates
Times Weekly Edition
*Unitarian Herald
United Ireland
*Universe
*Volunteer Service Gazette
*Weekly Register
*Worcester Herald
*Yarmouth Gazette
*Youth

Daily Newspapers.

Chronicle (2)
East Anglian Daily Times
*Eastern Daily Press (3, 2 bought)
*Eastern Evening News (2, 1 bgt)
Echo
*Glasgow Herald
News
Norfolk Daily Standard
Pall Mall
Standard
Star
St. James' Gazette
Telegraph
Times

Railway Time Tables.

Bradshaw (Continental in season)
*Cook's Excursionist
*Eastern and Midlands
*Great Eastern
*Great Eastern Continental
*Great Northern
*Great Western
*London, Chatham, and Dover
*London and North Western
*London and South Western
*London, Brighton, & South Coast
*Midland
*Norwich—Fletcher's & Jarrold's
*South Eastern

Kelly's Directories.

Beds, Hunts, and Northamptonshire.
Berks, Bucks, and Oxon.
Birmingham, Staffs, Warwickshire, and Worcestershire.
Cambs, Norfolk, and Suffolk.
Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Notts, and Rutlandshire.
Essex, Herts, and Middlesex.
Hull and Lincolnshire.
Kent, Surrey, and Sussex.
Lancashire, Liverpool, and Manchester.
London.
Yorks (West Riding).

Acts of Parliament—Educational, Local, Social, &c.
Advertiser's A B C of Official Scales and Charges and Press Directory.
Almanacks—Financial Reform, Whitaker's, &c.
Anglo-Indian and American Traders' Journal.
Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable, Southgate's Many Thoughts.
Business Directory of London and Provincial and Foreign Trade Guide.
Census of England and Wales, 1881.
Civil Service Guides—A B C and Johnson's
Crockford's Clerical Directory, and Men of the Time.
Debrett's Peerage, Baronetage, and Knightage.
Export Merchant Shippers and Manufacturers' Trade Directory.
Eyre's Hotels of the United Kingdom.
Eyre's Norwich District Directory, and Jarrold's Norwich Directory.
Haydn's Dictionary of Dates, and Townsend's Manual of Dates.
Howard's Roads of England and Wales.
Kelly's Handbook to the Titled, Landed, and Official Classes.
Lamb's Trades' Diaries (twelve in one vol.), &c.
Lists of Deceased Seamen, and Reports of Explosion Inquiries.
Mercantile Directory and Manufacturers' Guide.
Parliamentary Reports and Returns—Fishery, Gas Works, Schools, &c.
Perry's Manufacturers and Merchants' Directory.
Preston's (Chambers') Index to Heirs-at-Law and Next-of-Kin.
Spencer's Things New and Old, and Cawdray's Storehouse of Similes.
Stubbs' Directory—Manufacturers, Merchant Shippers, & Professional.
The Queen's Speeches in Parliament, 1837-82.

The Shipping Gazette and Time Tables are placed in the Lobby.

Financial Statement for the Year ending March 24th, 1888.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance n hand, March 25th, 1887 ..	334	17	9
1d. in the £ raised with the Borough Rate	1045	0	0
Rents	56	2	3
Sale of Borrowers' Cards, &c.	28	7	8
School of Art, proportion of cost of Water	4	4	5
Telephone Company, (way leave) ..	1	3	0
	£1469	15	1

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
By Salaries and Wages	400	14	9
Books	278	12	6
Newspapers and Periodicals	73	8	1
Bookbinding	139	10	0
Printing and Stationery	40	17	11
Interest on Loan	13	7	4
Last Instalment of Loan	200	0	0
Insurance	6	12	6
Gas and Coals	43	1	11
Repairs to Buildings	101	13	11
Wenham and Sugg's Gas Burners ..	67	9	1
Shelving as purchased of the Trustees of Literary Institution and Furniture	58	17	0
Sundries	23	10	3
March 24th, 1888, Balance in hand	21	19	10
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The Quarterly Meetings of the Committee will be held at the Library, at 4 p.m. on the following days—

April 10th, July 10th, and October 9th, 1889; and January 8th, 1890.

The Sub-Committees meet when required, and are specially summoned.

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"Book-hunger presents a demand as clear, as definite, as the cry for good drainage and good water. Free Libraries not only feed, but they create a taste for reading; and, unquestionably, whatever does this is of benefit to the community and aids materially in the repressing and taming of the rougher and baser parts of men's nature. Carlyle has said that 'the true university of these days is a collection of books.'"

REPORT.

The present Librarian's Eleventh Annual Report gives great pleasure to the Committee and all who are interested in the work of the Library because it gives assurance of steady progress and continued usefulness.

The efforts of the Local Committee for the Cambridge University Extension Lectures have again been supplemented by providing the required text books and setting apart a room in which they could be studied without interruption—a provision much appreciated by both lecturers and students.

Mr. Alderman Harmer's exertions during the year of his Mayoralty to secure for Norwich the advantages of a series of Scientific Lectures by the most eminent men in their different subjects, under the provisions of the Gilchrist Trust, were crowned with complete success during the first three months of 1889. The arrangements, under the auspices of the Mayor and Corporation, were undertaken by a Sub-Committee of the Library, and were most ably carried out by the City Accountant (Mr. S. Culley) and his active staff of assistants to the satisfaction of the Lecturers and the Committee, by whom the services of Mr. A. E. Coe, of London Street, in illustrating the Lectures were also highly appreciated; and the pleasure of the Lecturers in visiting the city was much enhanced by the genial hospitality they received at the hands of the Mayor (J. Farrar Ranson, Esq.), Sir Peter Eade, and Messrs. W. H. Dakin and James Mottram. The success of this course of Lectures will, it is hoped, make it easy in future years to

secure for the city—under favour of the Gilchrist Trustees—similar advantages; for there is some evidence that they act as a stimulus to the study of science in the fact that the issues of books from the Library under the heads of Art and Science and Natural History is much larger than in any previous year and 634 in excess of last year.

For the Juvenile Department, to be worked in connection with the Elementary Schools of the city, some 2,700 volumes have been purchased at a cost of about £210, and the Sub-Committee engaged in this work hope to complete the 3,500 volumes required and have them circulating in the schools shortly. Subscriptions to the fund for this purpose have recently been received from Lord Rosebery (£10), I. B. Coaks, Esq., J.P. (£5), and R. S. Wright, Esq. (£2 2s.), and a few pounds more will enable the Committee to compass their aims.

The number of Books at present forming the Library is as follows:—

Lending Department	...	11,966	an increase of	432
Reference ,,	...	4660	,,	860
Local ,,	...	1400	,,	200
Totals	...	18,026	... ...	1492

The number of Pamphlets, in addition, are:—

Reference Department	...	670	an increase of	270
Local ,,	...	1930	,,	330
Totals	...	2600	... ...	600

In 1887 £250 was devoted to the purchase of duplicate works from the Norfolk and Norwich Library, and 1323 volumes have been secured at a cost of £216 10s. 6d.; some 700 or 800 of these, not yet sectionally located, added to the preceding statistics, show a total stock of about 21,400 books and pamphlets, besides a large number of prints, maps, drawings, &c., of local interest.

The new Catalogue of the Lending Department is just ready, and will be sold to borrowers at 6d. per copy, a little below the actual cost price. The sheets, as they were printed, have been utilised by exhibition on cardboards in that department during its progress through the press.

The cry for more intellectual light and leading is naturally accompanied with a cry for more money; and the Committee are indulging themselves with the hope of receiving a portion of the extra penny to be raised under the provisions of the new Act promoted by the Corporation for this and kindred purposes. If this be graciously granted it can be usefully employed when the large additional space (now occupied as the Bird-Room) falls into the hands of the Committee by the removal of the Museum to the Castle.

The smooth working of the several departments of the Library means an efficient staff of workers, and the Committee are happy in having a Librarian and Assistants who by their uniform attention and courtesy have won the confidence of the citizens in general.

The Lending Department was open to June 24th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m., but on and after June 25th from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., every day except Sundays, Thursdays, Good Friday, Bank Holidays, and Christmas-Day—being open 233 days during the year. 432 books have been added in this department during the year; and, allowing for books withdrawn, replaced, &c., there are in stock 11,966 volumes, divided into the following classes:—Art, Science, &c., 1323; Biography and Correspondence, 1064; Poetry and the Drama, 520; Fiction, 3543; History and Travel, 1704; Magazines, Reviews, &c., 3127; Law and Theology, 439; Natural History, 246. During the year 2360 volumes passed through the binder's hands, as well as a large number repaired in the Library. On pages 13 and 16 will be found a selection of the works added in this and other departments.

The number of Cards issued to Borrowers during the year (including duplicates) was 3820, against 3900 for 1887-8 and 3427 for 1886, the actual number of Borrowers in 1888-9 being 3660, an increase of 110 in the year; and the issue of the Catalogue, so long needed, will doubtless add further to this number in the current year. There were 1020 New Borrowers in 1888-9 (450 females and 570 males), against 1020 for 1887-8 and 1063 for 1886. Statistics of the 1020 Borrowers are elsewhere given—the Wards wherein they resided and their ages on page 8, and their Occupations on page 9; the Wards wherein the total number of Borrowers since December 1st, 1877 (10,859), resided, the Cards as issued to them, and their Sex, being also shown on page 8. It is very gratifying to notice here that, although a few Borrowers have had to replace books lost or damaged, not a single volume was missing out of the 86,860 issued in the course of the year. The system of advising Borrowers of Books they require by Post Cards is largely used and gives general satisfaction.

The total issues for 1888-9 were 81,065, representing 86,860 volumes (where practicable in all classes the two or more volumes of a work being issued simultaneously). The issues for 1887-8 were 77,250 (82,636 volumes), and for 1886 75,116 (81,365 volumes). Tabular statements on pages 10 to 12 show the nature and number of the issues monthly in 1888-9 and the yearly and monthly issues since 1877; that on page 10 shows for 1888-9 an increase in the Art, Science, &c., class of 486 issues, Poetry and the Drama of 46, Fiction of 3409 (the Fiction being 75·06 per cent. of the gross issues), History and Travel of 123, Law and Theology of 71, and Natural History of 148, but a decrease in Biography and Correspondence of 101 and in Magazines, Reviews, &c., of 367—being a total increase of 3815 issues, or 4224 volumes, over last year.

The Reading-Rooms (on the first floor) have been open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day except Sundays, Good Friday, and Christmas-Day, and been well filled with readers, whose comfort has been largely promoted by the introduction of the Electric Light in these as well as in other parts of the building. With the exception—which is much to be regretted—of the mutilation of two monthly reviews the conduct of the frequenters of these rooms has been excellent.

The Donations to all departments have been numerous and valuable, and duly acknowledged to the various donors, for a list of whom see page 16. Various newspaper proprietors of the city and county have, as usual, supplied copies of their journals free, and this practice has also been kindly continued by the proprietors of many magazines and periodicals, shown on pages 17 to 19.

Wards wherein Borrowers Resided.

	Population, 1881.	New Borrowers in 1888-9.	Borrowers since Dec. 1st, 1877.
First Ward	6442	81	870
Second Ward	4039	50	793
Third Ward	27705	380	4093
Fourth Ward	2048	22	281
Fifth Ward	7437	58	1242
Sixth Ward	14621	144	1116
Seventh Ward	16556	185	1358
Eighth Ward	8994	100	1106
Totals	87842	1020	10859

Ages of Borrowers.

	New Borrowers in 1888-9.	Borrowers since Dec. 1st, 1877.
Above 14 and under 20	493	5242
,, 20 ,, 25	135	1459
,, 25 ,, 30	83	1004
,, 30 ,, 35	72	689
,, 35 ,, 40	67	527
,, 40 ,, 45	44	384
,, 45 ,, 50	21	247
,, 50 ,, 55	18	213
,, 55 ,, 60	7	138
,, 60 and above	15	261
Not stated	65	695
Totals	1020	10859

In 1877-78 (thirteen months) 1545 Cards (260 to females and 1285 to males), were issued to Borrowers. 1879—1782 Cards were issued, 802 (201 and 601) being to New Borrowers; total from December 1st, 1877, 2347. 1880—the numbers were 2000, 770 (202 and 568), and 3117 respectively. 1881—2000, 683 (193 and 490), and 3800. 1882—2200, 780 (226 and 554), and 4580. 1883—2500, 934 (284 and 650), and 5514. 1884—2850, 952 (343 and 609), and 6466. 1885—3250, 1034 (414 and 620), and 7500. 1886-7—3739, 1319 (541 and 778), and 8819. 1887-8—3900, 1020 (425 and 595), and 9839. 1888-9—3820, 1020 (450 and 570), and 10,859—being 3539 female and 7320 male Borrowers.

Occupations of New Borrowers.

Agents	6
Assistants	13
Bakers and Confectioners ..	9
Bookbinders	2
Bookfolders	3
Boot and Shoemakers ..	34
Brewers	2
Brushmakers	18
Builders and Carpenters ..	13
Butchers	2
Cabinet-makers	3
Caretakers	2
Carvers	2
Chemists and Druggists ..	9
Clergymen	3
Clerks	60
Clickers	10
Clothiers	2
Cutters	3
Dealers	2
Domestic Servants.. ..	11
Drapers and Haberdashers	15
Dressmakers and Milliners	41
Engineers	6
Errand and Office Boys ..	29
Factory Hands	6
Finishers	3
Fishmongers	2
Fitters	2
Foremen	2
Gardeners	6
Grocers and Greengrocers..	14
Grooms	3
Hair-Cloth Dressers ..	2
Hairdressers	4
Carried forward ..	344

Brought forward ..	344
Housekeepers	9
Labourers	11
Lithographers	3
Machinists	24
Managers	4
Nurses	4
Organ-makers	2
Packers	3
Pages	4
Painters and Decorators ..	5
Porters	8
Printers	25
Publicans	2
Railway Employés	3
Rivetters	6
Scholars and Students ..	57
School Masters, Mistresses, and Teachers	45
Shopkeepers	8
Signalmen	2
Silkwinders	2
Surveyors	3
Tailors and Tailoresses ..	28
Telegraphic Employés ..	6
Tin Plate Workers.. ..	6
Travellers	7
Upholsterers	4
Warehousemen	9
Watchmakers	4
Weavers	6
Wire Workers	2
Miscellaneous	81
Not stated	293
Total	1020

Classified Register of Issues of Books for 1888-9.

Months. 1888-9.	Days open.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corspndnce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellanus.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Monthly issues.	Average Daily Issues.
March (aft. 25th)	4	50	25	14	1158	47	273	8	22	1597	399
April	20	222	126	82	5355	223	1159	30	76	7273	363
May	21	194	110	79	5112	176	1121	28	83	6903	328
June	22	171	106	86	4958	183	1105	19	90	6718	305
July	21	162	84	55	5004	200	1072	23	82	6682	318
August	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
September ..	21	163	84	43	5236	155	963	26	67	6737	320
October	23	189	98	55	5580	230	1106	52	64	7374	320
November.. ..	21	207	98	83	5517	250	1172	40	68	7435	354
December.. ..	20	199	94	77	5614	260	1118	26	73	7461	373
January	22	220	113	106	5961	231	1146	39	64	7880	357
February	20	208	111	76	5892	261	1089	37	72	7746	387
March (to 25th)	18	214	121	53	5462	249	1037	36	87	7259	403
Totals	233	2199	1170	809	60849	2465	12361	364	848	81065	348

Classified Register of Issues of Books for 1878 to 1888-9.

Years.	Days Open.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corspndnce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellanus.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Yearly Issues.	Average Daily Issues.
1878	267	978	1132	595	18485	1814	2779	270	255	26308	99
1879	291	843	964	353	21300	1828	3443	560	911	30202	104
1880	290	1141	1697	639	19733	3030	5119	339	336	32034	110
1881	231	907	1903	501	18881	2749	7323	295	277	32836	142
1882	196	921	1311	318	19318	2577	5736	211	500	30892	158
1883	244	1437	1148	566	32586	3033	9512	202	422	48906	200
1884	242	1547	1315	550	41233	3217	9396	192	356	57806	239
1885	238	1751	1742	552	47326	2891	10755	282	704	66003	277
1886	239	1779	1734	510	55318	3433	11251	317	774	75116	314
*1887	60	434	379	124	15042	687	3037	95	113	19911	332
1887-8	242	1713	1271	763	57440	2342	12728	293	700	77250	319
1888-9	233	2199	1170	809	60849	2465	12361	364	848	81065	348
Totals	2773	15650	15766	6280	407511	30066	93440	3420	6196	578329	..

* In 1887 the Library year commenced March 26th instead of January 1st. For comparing yearly issues those for 1886 and the first three months of 1887 are given as above; and on page 12, for comparing monthly issues, those for March (after 25th), 1887 and 1888, are added to those for March (to 25th), 1888 and 1889, respectively.

Monthly Issues of Books for 1878 to 1888-9.

Years.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Yearly Totals.
1878	2092	2245	2576	2384	2455	2172	2374	2173	613	2438	2620	2166	26308
1879	2791	2649	3094	2688	2542	2162	2714	1109	2033	2862	2708	2850	30202
1880	2936	2840	2586	3105	3012	2864	2835	1217	1686	3113	3168	2672	32034
1881	2517	2842	3180	3162	2878	2736	2873	527	2442	3300	3319	3060	32836
1882	2818	3410	3709	3489	3568	3425	3596	1301	closed ten	weeks extra	2180	3396	30892
1883	4197	3895	4703	4324	4332	4069	4034	1461	3973	4870	4720	4328	48906
1884	4040	5049	5640	5119	5399	4666	4806	1620	5148	5378	5558	5383	57806
1885	5607	5520	6190	5393	5775	5484	5515	1940	5710	6799	6200	5870	66003
1886	6826	6683	7913	6696	6891	6226	6011	1880	5870	6919	6988	6213	75116
*1887	7198	6652	6061	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19911
	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	
1887-8	6429	6565	6145	6256	2080	6400	7098	7259	6931	7325	7207	7555	77250
1888-9	7273	6903	6718	6682	..	6737	7374	7435	7461	7880	7746	8856	81065
Totals	50062	50320	46667	47696	15308	40612	50151	52155	50330	56227	56738	62063	578329

* See note on page 11.

A Selection from the Additions to the Library, during 1888-9.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Adams's Travels of a Naturalist in Japan and Manchuria. Ansted's Ancient World. Austin's Lectures on Jurisprudence, or the Philosophy of Positive Law, abridged by R. Campbell. Backhouse and Tylor's Witnesses for Christ and Memorials of Church Life from the 4th to 13th Centuries. Bagster's Management of Bees. Baldwin's Pre-Historic Nations. Baring-Gould's Curious Myths of the Middle Ages. Baxter's Harmonia Sacra. Bayley's Divine Word Opened. Bazancourt's Crimean Expedition. Bembridge's Psalmody. Bickersteth's Echoes of Apostolic Teaching. Book of Humorous Poetry, with Illustrations by C. A. Doyle. Bottone's Electric Bells and all About Them. Bret Harte's Complete Works. Buchanan's Book of Orm, and London Poems. Burgon's Life and Times of Sir T. Gresham. Cabot's Memoir of R. W. Emerson. Campbell's Dangers and Safeguards of Modern Theology. Cassell's Lessons in French. Chester's Ella Cuthullin and other Poems. Claims of Labour, Lectures on the Labour Problem. Clodd's Story of Creation. Cooley's Physical Geography, or the Terraqueous Globe and Its Phenomena. Crosland's Memorable Women. D'Almeida's Life in Java, with Sketches of the Javanese. De Bourrienne's Life of Napoleon Bonaparte. Denton's England in the 15th Century. Dixon's Personal History of Lord Bacon. Doolittle's Social Life of the Chinese. Drummond's Tropical Africa. Du Moncel's Telephone, Microphone, and Phonograph. Duffy's Young Ireland (1840-50). Edmonds's Well-Spent Lives, Modern Biographies. Erith's The Church, the Body, the Bride. Freeman's Writing Simplified. Froude's English in the West Indies, or the Bow of Ulysses. Gardner's Longevity, the Means of Prolonging Life after Middle Age. Gillmore's Great Thirst Land (Natal, &c.). Gisborne's Colony of New Zealand. Gissing's Demos, Story of English Socialism. Glover's Jerusalem, Oratorio. Gosse's Ocean. Grey's Plots of Some of the Most Famous Old English Plays. Guizot's Monk and Washington, Historical Studies. Hayes's Land of Desolation (Greenland). Henslow's Origin of Floral Structure Through Insect and other Agencies. Holmes's Our Hundred Days in Europe. Hood's Dreamland and Ghostland. Huntington's Select Works. James's Curiosities of Law and Lawyers. Jamin's Cours de Physique de l'Ecole Polytechnique. Jukes-Browne's Building of the British Isles. Kershaw's Protestants from France in Their English Home Kinglake's Invasion of the Crimea (vols. 8, 9). Knights of the Frozen Sea. Larwood's Book of Clerical Anecdotes. Latham's Natural History of the Varieties of Man. Lennox's Drafts on Memory, and My Recollections from 1806-73. Levi's International Law, and Manual of the Mercantile Law of Great Britain and Ireland. Life of R. Peel, Political and Social. Mackay's Recollections from 1830-70. Mayeux's Manual of Decorative Composition. Mozley's Theory of Development. Newman's Historical Sketches. Oliphant's Episodes in a Life of Adventure. Paterson's Commentaries on the Liberty of the Subject. Percival's Land of the Veda, India Briefly Described. Phillips's Manual of the British Discomycetes, with description of all Fungi Found in Britain. Preece's Telephone. Present Day Tracts. Pycroft's Cricket Field, or the History and Science of Cricket. Raumer's England in 1835, tr. by Sarah Austin. Reid's Life of W. E. Forster. Revelations of Common Sense. Rinck's First Three Months at the Organ. Robertson's Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury. Rogers's Historical Gleanings. Ryle's Bishops and Clergy of Other Days and Christian Leaders of the Last Century. Sala's Under the Sun. Salmon's Caribbean Confederation. Senior's Stream and

Sea. Simpson's Meeting the Sun. Sladen's Poetry of Exiles, and Australian Lyrics. Smith's Prime Ministers of Queen Victoria. Stephen's Hours in a Library. Stubbs's Village Politics. Taylor's Philip van Artevelde, a Dramatic Romance. Tolstoi's My Religion. Urlin's John Wesley's Place in Church History. Warner's Roundabout Journey. Webbe's Complete Collection of Tunes for Church or Chapel Choirs. Wedmore's Masters of Genre Painting. Whittier's Writings. Wright's Stories of the Great Scientists.

Various works published in series continue to be added—such as the Carisbrooke Library, Diocesan Histories, Epochs of History, Imperial Parliament, International Scientific, and Literature and History Primers; also the leading current Magazines to date. The Musical and Phonographic works have been increased, and several sets of books completed. The stock of Fiction has been kept up, about 300 books worn out having been replaced and duplicates of others by popular writers procured.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Amari's War of the Sicilian Vespers. Andersson's Lake Ngami. Bagehot's Biographical Studies. Baker's Cyprus. Ball's Story of the Heavens. Barrington's Own Times. Barth's Central Africa. Beattie's Life of T. Campbell. Brown's Horæ Subsecivæ. Bell's New Pantheon, or Historical Dictionary of Gods, Demi-Gods, Heroes, &c. (1790). Bertram's Harvest of the Sea, with Sketches of Fisheries and Fisher Folk. Betham's Baronetage of England (1801). W. Bewick's Life and Letters. Biographia Britannica. Book of Mormon, tr. by J. Smith, jun. British Museum Publications, as on page 15. Browning's Ring and the Book. Butler's Wild North Land. Campbell's Lives of the Chief-Justices. Carte's General History of England (1747-55). Castlereagh's Memoirs and Correspondence. Cockburn's Life of Lord Jeffrey. Collier's Annals of the Stage. Cunningham's Life of Wilkie. Dawkin's Cave Hunting. Derby's Homer. Doran's London in the Jacobite Times. Dugdale's Life, Diary, and Correspondence. Fagan's Life of A. Panizzi. Fairfax Correspondence. Freer's Elizabeth de Valois, and Married Life of Anne of Austria. Froude's Cæsar. Fuller's History of the Worthies of England. Glyde's Suffolk in the 19th Century. Grose's Ancient Armour, and Antiquities of England and Wales. Guillaume's Amazon Provinces of Peru as a Field for Emigration. Guistinian's Four Years at the Court of Henry VIII. Gunning's Reminiscences of Cambridge. Hallam's Literature of Europe. Halliwell-Phillipps's Outlines of the Life of Shakespeare. Hooker's Himalayan Journal. Hook's Lives of the Archbishops. Hope's Architecture. Illustrated Catalogue of the International Exhibition, 1862. Index to Part I. of the Parliaments of England, 1213-1702. Jackson's Treatise on Wood Engraving, Historical and Practical. Jeffrey's Contributions to the Edinburgh Review. Journal of the Royal Agricultural Society. Kaye's War in Afghanistan. Kirchhoff's Volapük, or Universal Language. Local Taxation Returns (England). Lodge's Portraits of Illustrious Personages. Lord's Naturalist in Vancouver's Island. Low's Sarawak. Macilwain's Memoir of Abernethy. McCullagh's Industrial History of Free Nations, and Memoirs of R. L. Sheil. Metternich's Autobiography. Milman's St. Paul's Cathedral. Moffat's Africa. Monumenta Historica Britannica. Müller's Chips from a German Workshop. Napoleon's History of Julius Cæsar. National and Board School Reforms, ed. by Lord Brabazon. E. Newman's British Ferns and Allied Plants. J. H. Newman's Apologia, and Essays. Nichol's Literary Anecdotes, and Literary History. Oliphant's China and Japan. Palgrave's History of Normandy. Parliamentary Debates in England, 1680-1741. Peaks, Passes, and Glaciers. Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London. Poor Law District Conferences, 1878-82. Report of Capital Punishment Commission. Report

of Royal Commission on Market Rights and Tolls. Richardson's Englishman's House, from a Cottage to a Mansion. Sanford's Governing Families of England. Schliemann's Mycenæ. Scoresby's Arctic Voyages. Bishop Selwyn's Life. Senator, or Clarendon's Parliamentary Chronicle, 1790-6. Sinclair's Statistical Account of Scotland. Smith's Voyage and Shipwreck of St. Paul. Southey's Sir T. More. Sportsman's Vocal Library, Collection of Songs. St. John's Tour in Sutherlandshire. Strutt's Dresses and Habits of the People of England. Stuart and Revett's Antiquities of Athens. Suckling's History of Suffolk. Tocqueville's France Before the Revolution. United States Geological Survey. Voyage of the Beagle. Walker's Rhyming Dictionary. Warburton's Memoirs of Prince Rupert. Warne's Ancient Dorset: Celtic, Roman, Saxon, and Danish Antiquities of the County. Watt's Bibliotheca Britannica. Professor Wilson's Works. Wood's Athenæ Oxoniensis, History of Writers and Bishops Educated at Oxford. Wordsworth's Memoir. Yarrell's History of British Birds.

Works in parts or volumes as published have here, too, been added—such as Board of Trade Journal, Book-Lover's Library, Dictionary of National Biography, Encyclopædia Britannica (now completed), Gentleman's Magazine Library, Historical Manuscripts Commission's Reports, New English Dictionary, Times Law Reports and Parliamentary Debates: also a large number of Magazines and other valuable Works for Reference, including in the former, the Athenæum, Hardwicke's Science Gossip, and Westminster Review. The following are periodically bound:—The Eastern Daily Press, Times (daily and weekly editions), &c., the leading Illustrated Magazines and Newspapers, and Literary, Professional, and Religious Journals.

The Trustees of the British Museum have kindly forwarded Catalogues of the Passeriformes or Perching Birds (vol. 14), the Fossil Reptilia and Amphibia (part 1), the Engraved Gems, and of the Printed Books in the British Museum.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Aikin's Memoirs of the Life of P. D. Huet. Armitage's Sermons (1678). Brinstey's Sacred and Soveraigne Church-Remedie (1645). Bryant's Dictionary of Ornamental Trees, Shrubs, and Plants. Buckland's Report on the Fisheries of Norfolk. Bugg's Quakerism Exposed to Public Censure (1699). Burton's Essay on the Numbers of Daniel and St. John. Chambers's Pocket Herbal. Charges of the Bishop of Norwich, 1858, &c. Collings's Vindiciæ Ministerii Evangelici (1651). Correspondence between the Vicar of Catton and a Norwich Catholic. Cosin's Scholastical History of the Canon of Holy Scripture. Eden's Thoughts on the Inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. Enfield's Institutes of Natural Philosophy. Extracts from the Court Rolls of the Manor of Wimbledon, from 1 Edw. I. to 1864. Falkner's Vindication of Liturgies (1680). Finch's Essays on Man. Fox's Collected Works, Memorial edition. Gerhard's Sacred Meditations. Grigor's Eastern Arboretum. Grose's Antiquities of England and Wales (vol. 5, Norfolk). Hall's Christian Moderation (1640), and Characters of Vertves and Vices (1608). Hoste's Memoirs and Letters. Hunt's British Ornithology, Portraits of Birds Coloured after Nature. Jessopp's Coming of the Friars and other Historic Essays. Jodrell's Poetical Works. Jones's Princess Charlotte of Wales, a Monograph. Kenwick's Religious Man's Companion (1729). E. King's Munimenta Antiqua. S. W. King's Italian Valleys of the Pennine Alps. Kirkpatrick's Notes Concerning Norwich Castle. Legge's Ancient Register of North Elmham. L'Estrange's Calendar of the Freemen of Norwich, 1317-1603, ed. by W. Rye. Martineau's Study of Religion. Moens's Walloon Church of Norwich: Its Registers and History. Norfolk Anthology, ed. by J. O. Halliwell. Norfolk Poetical

Miscellany (1744). Page's Art of Shooting Flying Explained (1767). Paroissien's Principles of the Jesuits, with Illustrations of Romanism. Plowright's Monograph of the British Uredineæ and Ustilagineæ. Ramsey's Præterita, or a Summary of several Sermons. Remnants of Antiquity in Norwich. Rye's Records and Record Searching. Simpson's Illustrations of Bromholm Priory. Smith's Compendium Floræ Britannicæ. Spelman's Villare Anglicum. Stevenson's Dictionary of Roman Coins, Republican and Imperial. Sutton's Disce Vivere: Learn to Live. Walpoliana. Wild's Iter Boreale, with other Select Poems (1671). Willis's Thesaurus Rerum Ecclesiasticarum (1763).

There have also been added as published, by presentation, or as special opportunities to purchase arose, East Anglian Notes and Queries, Engravings, Etchings, Farrer's Church Heraldry, Magazine Articles, Old Newspapers, Ordnance Survey Sheets (Norfolk), Pamphlets, Plans, Portraits, Winter's Norfolk Antiquities, &c.

Annual Reports from the following similar Libraries have been received, the figures respectively denoting the number of the Report and apparent age of the Library:—Aberdeen, Birkenhead 32, Bradford 18, Cambridge 33, Cardiff 26, Chester 10, Clitheroe 10, Derby 17, Devon and Exeter 18, Doncaster 19, Dundee, Ealing 5, Glasgow, Handsworth 8, Hanley 1, Hereford 16, Leamington Spa, Leeds 18, Liverpool 35, Manchester 36, Portsmouth 4, Preston 10, Richmond 7, Rochdale 17, Salford 40, Sheffield 32, Smethwick, St. Helen's 11, Stockport 12, Swansea 14, Tonbridge 6, Twickenham 6, Walsall 30, Watford, Welshpool 1, West Bromwich 14, Westminster 31, Widnes 1, Wigan 10 and 11, Wimbledon 1, Yarmouth 2.

List of Donors in 1888-9.

To one or other of the Departments Books, &c., have been presented by Mr. J. C. Anderson, the Bath Local Executive Committee of the British Association, Mrs. K. Backhouse, Sir F. G. M. Boileau; Sir H. Bullard, Canon Duckett, Mr. E. A. Field, other Friends, and various Proprietors, for the Magazines, Newspapers, and Periodicals marked † on pages 17 to 19; Mr. S. G. Buxton, Mr. G. J. Chester, Mr. F. Clowes, the Cobden Club, Mr. J. J. Colman, the Committees of Free Libraries as above, Mr. F. N. Erith, Mr. H. F. Euren, Mr. J. Freeman, Mr. R. Garry, Mr. Gordelier, Mr. H. Grey, Mr. H. Guillaume, Mr. J. O. Halliwell-Phillipps, the High Commissioner for Canada, Rev. A. H. Hore, Mr. Horth, Canon H. Howell, Mr. G. B. Jay, Mr. J. W. Leeds, Miss S. A. Matson, Mr. H. B. Miller, the New South Wales Commissioner, Mr. J. Paterson, the Registrar of the University College of Wales, the Registrar of the University Corresponding College, Mr. J. Scott, Mrs. Simpson, Mr. J. D. Smith, Mr. J. Speirs, Mr. G. Teasdale, the Trustees of the British Museum as on page 15, Messrs. Virtue & Co., Limited, Mr. C. H. Warne, and Rev. W. S. Wright.

*The following Magazines, Reviews, Newspapers, Directories, &c., are placed in the Reading-Rooms. Those marked * are placed in the Women's Reading-Room, and those marked † are presented.*

ANNUALLY.

Cambridge University Calendar
Christian World Year-Book
Crockford's Clerical Directory
†Durham University Calendar
†East Anglian Handbook
Edinburgh University Calendar
Educational List and Directory
Hazell's Annual Cyclopedia
Liberal Year-Book
London University Calendar
Oxford University Calendar
Statesman's Year-Book

QUARTERLY.

Congregational Review
Edinburgh Review
Navy List
Quarterly Review

MONTHLY.

†"A 1"
†Agricultural Economist
All the Year Round
†Animal World
*Argosy (1 in Men's)
Army List
*Art Journal
*Atalanta
Atlantic Monthly
*Belgravia
Blackwood's Edinburgh
Board of Trade Journal
†Building Society's Gazette
†Canadian Patent Office Record
*Cassell's Family Magazine (1 in Men's)
*Century Illustrated
*Chambers's Journal (1 in Men's)
Cohen's Journal
†Concord
Contemporary Review
Cornhill
†Cottager and Artizan
*English Illustrated
*†Englishwoman's Review
*†Financial Reformer (2 in Men's)
†Fire and Water
Fortnightly Review
†Friend of China

MONTHLY, *continued.*

Gentleman's Magazine
*Girl's Own Paper
*†Glad Tidings (1 in Men's)
†Good Health
Good Words
*Harper's Magazine
†Herald of Health
*Household Words
†Imperial Federation
†Insurance and Banking Review
†Insurance and Financial Gazette
†Jewish Intelligence
*Ladies' Gazette of Fashion
*Ladies' Treasury
†Leather Trades Circular and Review
Leisure Hour
†Liberal Unionist
London Society
Longman's Magazine
Macmillan's Magazine
Manufacturer and Inventor
†Miller, Technical Issue
Murray's Magazine
*†Musical Budget
*†Musical Times
National Review
†New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century
Oddfellows' Magazine
*†Our Own Gazette
*†Our Work
Personal Rights Journal
†Phillips's Machinery Register
†Plumber and Decorator
Quiver
Science Gossip
*Scribner's Magazine
*Sylvia's Home Journal
Temple Bar
Tinsley's Magazine
†Tonic Sol-Fa Reporter
†Tract Magazine
Universal Review
†Vaccination Inquirer
†Vegetarian Messenger
Westminster Review
*†Woman's World
*Women's Suffrage Journal
Zoophilist

FORTNIGHTLY.

†Brewers' Guardian
†Present Truth

TRI-WEEKLY.

Exchange and Mart

BI-WEEKLY.

*†Norwich Argus (1 in Men's), 1 given
*†Norwich Mercury (1 in Men's), 1 given

WEEKLY.

†Agriculture
†Alliance News
†Amateur Photographer
Athenæum
Australasian
†Boot and Shoe Trades Journal
*†Boston Independent
Boy's Own Paper
Builder
†Builder's Weekly Reporter
Building News
†Bullionist
†Cambridge Independent
†Canadian Gazette
Cassell's Saturday Journal
†Catholic Times
*†Christian World (2 in Men's), 1 given
*Christian World, Family Circle Ed.
*†Civil Service Competitor
†Civil Service Gazette
†Civil Service Times
†Colliery Guardian
†Colonies and India, Home Edition of European Mail
†Commonwealth
†Co-operative News
*†Daylight (2 in Men's), 2 given
†Drapers' Record
*†Eastern Weekly Press
*†Echoes
Engineer
Engineering
†England
English Mechanic
Era
Family Churchman
*Family Herald
*Family Herald Supplement
Field
*Fun
Gardeners' Magazine
†Gardening World
*Graphic (1 in Men's)
*Guardian

WEEKLY, *continued.*

*Illustrated London News (1 in Men's
Illustrated Official Journal (Patents)
†Invention and Inventor's Mart
†Iron
†Journal of Society of Arts
Judy
*Lady's Pictorial
Land and Water
†Leather Trades Circular and Rev.
†Literary World
*†Lowestoft Journal
†Lowestoft Standard
†Lynn News and County Press
Mechanical World
†Metropolitan
†Midland Counties' Herald
Money
Nation
Newcastle Chronicle
*†Norfolk Chronicle (1 in Men's), 1 given
*†Norfolk News (1 in Men's) 1 given
†Norfolk Weekly Standard
Notes and Queries
Pall Mall Budget
*†People's Weekly Journal
Phonetic Journal
Public Opinion
*Punch (1 in Men's)
*Queen
†Refreshment News
*†Richmond and Twickenham Times
†Sale and Exchange
Saturday Review
†School Board Chronicle
*School Guardian
†Schoolmaster
*Schoolmistress
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List
Shorthand Weekly News
Spectator
†Sydney Mail
†Tablet
†Tailor and Cutter
Temperance World and Blue Ribbon Chronicle
Times Parliamentary Debates
*Times Weekly Edition
†Unitarian Herald
United Ireland
†Universe
†Vegetarianism
†Volunteer Service Gazette
†Weekly Register
*†Worcester Herald

Daily Newspapers.

*Chronicle (1 in Lobby)
East Anglian Daily Times (in Lobby)
*†Eastern Daily Press (2 in Men's), 1 given
†Eastern Evening News (1 in Lobby), 1 given
Echo (in Lobby)
News
*Norfolk Daily Standard (in Lobby)
Pall Mall
St. James's Gazette
*Standard (1 in Men's)
Star (in Lobby)
Telegraph
Times

Railway Time Tables.

†Bradshaw (Continental in season)
†Cook's Excursionist
†Eastern and Midlands
†Great Eastern
†Great Eastern Continental
†Great Northern
†Great Western
†London, Chatham, and Dover
†London and North Western
†London and South Western
†London, Brighton, & South Coast
†Midland
†Norwich—Fletcher's and Jarrold's
†South Eastern

Kelly's Directories.

Beds, Hunts, and Northamptonshire.
Berks, Bucks, and Oxon.
Birmingham, Staffs, Warwickshire, and Worcestershire.
Cambs, Norfolk, and Suffolk.
Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Notts, and Rutlandshire.
Essex, Herts, and Middlesex.
Hull and Lincolnshire.
Kent, Surrey, and Sussex.
Lancashire, Liverpool, and Manchester.
London and London Suburban
Yorks (West Riding, and North and East Ridings with York).

Acts of Parliament—Educational, Local, Social, &c.
Advertiser's A B C of Official Scales and Charges and Press Directory.
Almanacks—Financial Reform, Whitaker's, &c.
Anglo-Indian and American Traders' Journal.
Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable, Southgate's Many Thoughts.
Business Directory of London and Provincial and Foreign Trade Guide.
Civil Service Guides—A B C and Johnson's.
Crockford's Clerical Directory, and Men of the Time.
Debrett's Peerage, Baronetage, and Knightage.
Export Merchant Shippers and Manufacturers' Trade Directory.
Eyre's Hotels of the United Kingdom.
Eyre's Norwich District Directory, and Jarrold's Norwich Directory.
Haydn's Dictionary of Dates, and Townsend's Manual of Dates.
Howard's Roads of England and Wales.
Kelly's Handbook to the Titled, Landed, and Official Classes.
Lamb's Trades' Diaries (twelve in one vol.) &c.
Lists of Deceased Seamen, and Reports of Explosion Inquiries.
Mercantile Directory and Manufacturers' Guide.
Parliamentary Reports and Returns.
Perry's Manufacturers and Merchants' Directory.
Preston's (Chambers's) Index to Heirs-at-Law and Next-of-Kin.
Sell's Dictionary of the World's Press and Advertisers' Reference Book.
Stubbs's Directory—Manufacturers, Merchant Shippers, and Professional

The Shipping Gazette and Time Tables are placed in the Lobby.

Financial Statement for the Year ending March 24th, 1889.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand, March 25th, 1888 ..	21	19	10
1d. in the £ raised with the Borough Rate	1072	10	0
Rents	51	9	6
Sale of Borrowers' Cards, &c.	28	16	2
School of Art proportion of cost of Water	5	0	11
Telephone Company (way leave)	1	5	0
Balance due to Treasurer, March 24th, 1889	265	5	5
	£1446	6	10

PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
By Salaries and Wages, ...	433	1	8
Books	249	11	0
Newspapers and Periodicals	68	16	1
Bookbinding and Numbering	141	4	11
Printing and Stationery	57	0	2
Interest on Loan	4	17	3
Last Instalment of Loan	200	0	0
Insurance	13	12	6
Gas and Coals..	53	5	9
Repairs to Buildings..	203	14	1
Sundries	21	3	5
	£1446	6	10

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

	£	s.	d.
To Subscriptions	269	2	3
	£269	2	3

	£	s.	d.
By Books	146	12	2
Balance in hand	122	10	1
	£269	2	3

Amount received by the Librarian for Fines, £58 11s. 9d.; expended in the formation of a Local Collection of Books, &c., £55 17s. 10d.; balance in hand £2 13s. 11d.

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TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,

From March 26th, 1889, to March 25th 1890.

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JACOB FINCH and RICHARD LLOYD, ASSISTANTS.

HENRY HAYWARD, READING-ROOM ATTENDANT.

The Quarterly Meetings of the Committee will be held at the Library, at 4 p.m. on the following days—

April 9th, July 9th, and October 8th, 1890; and January 14th, 1891.

The Sub-Committees meet when required, and are specially summoned.

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"Literature exists to please—to lighten the burden of men's lives: to make them for a short while forget their sorrows and their sins, their silenced hearths, their disappointed hopes—and those men of letters are the best loved who have best performed literature's truest office."—*Birrell.*

REPORT.

The present Librarian's Twelfth Annual Report of the working of the Library is in the hands of the Committee, who have much pleasure in presenting it to the members of the Town Council and their fellow-citizens.

A room, supplied with the necessary text books, has again been set apart for the use of students attending the valuable course of lectures given in the city under the Cambridge University Extension Scheme, and the attendance shew that the accommodation was appreciated.

The course of Lectures given under the auspices of the Corporation, and managed by the Libraries Committee, have been most successful in securing large and attentive audiences.

The names of the Lecturers will sufficiently vouch for the quality of the Lectures. They are as follow:—Sir R. S. Ball, on "Shooting Stars;" Dr. Andrew Wilson, on "The Heart, and Its Work in Circulating the Blood;" Mr. Louis Fagan, on "The Egyptian, Assyrian, and Babylonian Antiquities;" and Mr. Henry Seebohm, on "Adventures in Siberia."

The treatment of the various subjects has been lucid, interesting, and forcible, and the increased circulation by the Librarian of 440 works on scientific subjects is an indication of the intelligent interest that has been awakened in the city,

and will fully compensate for the small outlay that has been occasioned beyond the receipts for admission.

Mr. A. E. Coe, of London Street, has again obtained the praise of the Lecturers and the audiences for the admirable management of his lantern illustrations.

To Mr. S. Culley and his assistants the committee are greatly indebted for the ability with which the whole of the arrangements were carried out; and the hospitality of the Mayor (W. H. Dakin, Esq.), the Sheriff (E. Orams, Esq.), and Councillors M. P. Squirrell and Geoffrey F. Buxton, added greatly to the pleasure of the Lecturers during their stay in the city.

The opening of the Reading-Rooms from the hours of 3 to 9 o'clock on Sundays has been quietly successful. The numbers present at one time have not been excessive—never more than 112 nor less than 14. The numbers *passing in* have been taken on two occasions only, being respectively 278 and 166. The occasional visits of various members of the Corporation shew their interest in this means of developing the resources of the Institution; and at all times they found the order excellent, and expressed their satisfaction with the judicious conduct of the Attendant specially engaged.

The Elementary Schools acting as Branch Libraries have considerably augmented the issues. This will be seen by a reference to the statistics of the seven months' work in the Juvenile Department. The method of circulation adopted by the Committee has worked well, and the head teachers in the schools are hereby congratulated upon the aptitude and readiness with which they have carried out the duties of librarians of these branches, the importance of which is significant in view of the fact that it is in this department that reading habits are formed, leading to the future choice of useful books when the readers are drafted upon the Parent Library.

The Committee deeply regret to have to record the loss they have sustained by the death of Mr. George Jay, who for many years took a most intelligent interest in the work of the Library, and gave his time ungrudgingly in the choice of books that were most suitable to the requirements of the readers.

The increase in the number of books in the Local Collection is very gratifying, and the Committee would be only too pleased to report a proportional increase in the Lending Department, but want of money precludes that which should obtain to meet the needs of the borrowers.

The continued steady attention to their duties on the part of the Librarian and his staff is a source of great satisfaction to the Committee, and they believe is fully appreciated by the citizens to whose use the Library is dedicated.

The Lending Department was open 235 days during the year. 696 books have been added in this department since the last report; and, allowing for books withdrawn, replaced, &c., there are in stock 12,606 volumes, divided into the following classes:—Art, Science, &c., 1371—an increase of 48; Biography and Correspondence, 1159—increase, 95; Poetry and the Drama, 534—increase, 14; Fiction, 3751—increase, 208; History and Travel, 1813—increase, 109; Magazines, Reviews, &c., 3277—increase, 150; Law and Theology, 448—increase, 9; Natural History, 253—increase, 7. There are also 3667 volumes in the Juvenile Department—which is worked among 3511 Scholars in the fourth standard and upwards at 38 Elementary Schools by the Teachers—making a total of 16,273 volumes for circulation. 735 copies of the new Catalogue have been sold. During the year, 1862 volumes passed through the binder's hands, as well as a large number repaired in the Library. On pages 13 and 14 will be found statistics of the Juvenile Department, and on pages 15

to 17 a selection of the works added, both for lending and reference.

The number of Cards issued to Borrowers during the year (including duplicates) was 4060, against 3820 for 188-89 and 3900 for 1887-8; the actual number of Borrowers in 1889-90 was 3863, an increase of 203, the average issues to each being 23. There were 1058 new Borrowers in 1889-90 (510 females and 548 males), against 1020 in each of the two preceding years. Statistics of the 1058 Borrowers are elsewhere given—the Wards wherein they resided and their Ages on page 8, and their Occupations on page 9; the Wards wherein the total number of Borrowers since December 1st, 1877 (11,917), resided, the Cards as issued to them, and their Sex, are also shown on page 8. The system of advising Borrowers of Books they require by Post Cards is largely used, and still gives general satisfaction.

The total issues for 1889-90 were 88,852, representing 96,102 volumes (where practicable in all classes the two or more volumes of a work being issued simultaneously)—an increase for the year of 7787 issues, or 9242 volumes. The issues for 1888-9 were 81,065 (86,860 volumes), and for 1887-8, 77,250 (82,636 volumes). Tabular statements on pages 10 to 12 show the nature, number, and percentages of the issues monthly in 1889-90, and the yearly and monthly issues, with percentages, since 1877; that on page 11 shows for 1889-90 an increase in the Art, Science, &c., class of 440 issues, Biography and Correspondence of 331, Poetry and the Drama of 35, Fiction of 6448, History and Travel of 624, and Law and Theology of 91—but a decrease in Magazines, Reviews, &c., of 162, and Natural History 20. The statistics of the Juvenile Department (on pages 13 and 14), commenced last September, show the total number of issues in the schools during the seven months to have been 52,312—making a total circulation of over 148,000 volumes, amongst all classes of readers in the city.

The stock of Books forming the Library in December,

1877, was about 3500 volumes; the present stock is as follows, showing also the increase for 1889-90:—

Lending Department		12,606	an increase of	640
Juvenile	,,	3667	,,	3667
Reference	,,	5083	,,	423
Local	,,	1603	,,	203
Totals ..		22959	..	4933

The number of Pamphlets in addition are—

Reference Department		760	an increase of	90
Local	,,	1933	,,	3
Totals ..		4933	..	93

The Local Department has been re-arranged during the year, and the duplicates taken out, some being used for circulation. There are yet about 500 or 600 volumes in addition to the above awaiting proper location in the Reference Department, which it is hoped will be in working order by the time the room now used as the Bird-Room of the Museum is available for its original purpose.

The Reading-Rooms (on the first floor) have been open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day except Good Friday, Christmas Day, and Sundays; but on and after February 2nd also on Sundays, from 3 to 9 p.m., experimentally. An increased number of periodicals are now placed in the rooms, the latter being usually well filled with orderly readers.

The Donations (including a number of Abridgments of Specifications of Patents) have been numerous and valuable, and duly acknowledged to the various donors, for a list of whom see page 18. Various newspaper proprietors of the city have, as usual, supplied copies of their journals free, and this practice has also been kindly continued by the proprietors of many magazines and periodicals, shown on pages 19 to 21.

Wards wherein Borrowers Resided.

	Population 1881.	New Borrowers in 1889-90.	Borrowers since Dec. 1st, 1877.
First Ward ..	6442 ..	88 ..	958
Second Ward ..	4039 ..	61 ..	854
Third Ward ..	27705 ..	417 ..	4510
Fourth Ward ..	2048 ..	28 ..	309
Fifth Ward ..	7437 ..	66 ..	1308
Sixth Ward ..	14621 ..	119 ..	1235
Seventh Ward ..	16556 ..	193 ..	1551
Eighth Ward ..	8994 ..	86 ..	1192
Totals ..	87842 ..	1058 ..	11917

Ages of Borrowers.

	New Borrowers in 1889-90.	Borrowers since Dec. 1st, 1877.
Above 14 and under 20	512 ..	5754
,, 20 ,, 25	149 ..	1608
,, 25 ,, 30 . ..	98 ..	1102
,, 30 ,, 35	77 ..	766
,, 35 ,, 40	46 ..	573
,, 40 ,, 45	39 ..	423
,, 45 ,, 50	25 ..	272
,, 50 ,, 55	18 ..	231
,, 55 ,, 60	6 ..	144
,, 60	14 ..	275
Not stated	74 ..	769
Totals	1058	11917

In 1877-78 (thirteen months) 1545 Cards (260 to females and 1285 to males) were issued to Borrowers. 1879—1782 Cards were issued, 802 (201 and 601) being to New Borrowers; total from December 1st, 1877, 2347. 1880—the numbers were 2000, 770 (202 and 568), and 3117 respectively. 1881—2000, 683 (193 and 490), and 3800. 1882—2200, 780 (226 and 554), and 4580. 1883—2500, 934 (284 and 650), and 5514. 1884—2850, 952 (343 and 609), and 6466. 1885—3250, 1034 (414 and 620), and 7500. 1886-7—3739, 1319 (541 and 778), and 8819. 1887-8—3900, 1020 (425 and 595), and 9839. 1888-9—3820, 1020 (450 and 570), and 10,859. 1889-90—4060, 1058 (510 and 548), and 11,917—being 4049 female and 7868 male Borrowers.

Occupations of New Borrowers.

Accountants	3
Agents	8
Assistants	9
Bakers and Confectioners	12
Bookbinders	2
Boot and Shoemakers	19
Bricklayers	3
Brushmakers	7
Builders and Carpenters	11
Butchers	3
Cabinet-makers	6
Canvassers and Travellers	4
Carters and Grooms	8
Cashiers	3
Chemists and Druggists	8
Clergymen and Minister	6
Clerks	55
Clickers	3
Clothiers and Outfitters	7
Dentists	2
Domestic Servants	13
Drapers and Haberdashers	26
Dressmakers and Milliners	55
Electricians	2
Engineers	6
Errand and Office Boys	26
Factory Hands	2
Finishers	13
Fitters	12
Folders	3
Gasfitters	4
Glazier and Plumbers	4
Grocers and Greengrocers	17
Hairdressers	6
Hawkers	2
Housekeepers	7
Housewives	6
Inland Revenue Officers	3
Carried forward	386

Brought forward	386
Ironmongers	2
Jewellers	2
Joiners	2
Labourers	6
Machine Rulers	2
Machinists	18
Managers	3
Messengers	3
Musicians	3
Nurses	3
Packers and Porters	7
Pages	4
Painters and Decorators	9
Pensioners	2
Photographers	3
Printers	24
Publicans	4
Rivetters	4
Salesmen	2
Scholars and Students	37
School Masters, Mistresses, and Teachers	65
Seedsmen	3
Shopkeepers	2
Silkwinders	3
Solicitors	2
Stationers	6
Tailors and Tailoresses	33
Telegraphic Employés	5
Tin Plate Workers	2
Tobacconists	2
Upholsterers	4
Warehousemen	5
Weavers	3
Whitesmiths	2
Miscellaneous	82
Not stated	313
Total	1058

Classified Register of Issues of Books for 1889-90.

Months. 1889-90.	Days Open.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corspndnce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellanus.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Monthly Issues.	Average Daily Issues.
March (aft. 25th)	4	35	23	12	1040	39	188	10	13	1360	340
April	20	242	127	71	5964	259	1098	46	88	7895	394
May	22	233	137	78	5804	245	1021	45	73	7636	347
June	20	187	120	75	5359	236	969	51	64	7061	353
July	23	203	109	66	6018	233	980	31	78	7718	335
August	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
September ..	21	193	96	69	5850	250	928	42	78	7506	357
October	22	246	133	85	6250	301	1120	45	62	8242	374
November.. ..	22	241	171	98	6545	300	1252	44	78	8729	396
December.. ..	21	235	144	71	5754	273	1157	35	56	7725	368
January	22	279	136	87	6749	338	1276	32	93	8990	409
February	20	294	161	73	6296	337	1162	50	72	8445	422
March (to 25th)	18	251	144	59	5568	278	1048	24	73	7545	419
Totals	235	2639	1501	844	67297	3089	12199	455	828	88852	378
Percentage '89-90		2·97	1·69	0·95	75·74	3·48	13·73	0·51	0·93		
Percentage '88-9		2·71	1·44	1·00	75·06	3·04	15·25	0·45	1·05		

Classified Register of Issues of Books for 1878 to 1889-90.

Years.	Days Open.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corspndnce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellanus.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Yearly Issues.	Average Daily Issues.
1878	267	978	1132	595	18485	1814	2779	270	255	26308	99
1879	291	843	964	353	21300	1828	3443	560	911	30202	104
1880	290	1141	1697	639	19733	3030	5119	339	336	32034	110
1881	231	907	1903	501	18881	2749	7323	295	277	32836	142
1882	196	921	1311	318	19318	2577	5736	211	500	30892	158
1883	244	1437	1148	566	32586	3033	9512	202	422	48906	200
1884	242	1547	1315	550	41233	3217	9396	192	356	57806	239
1885	238	1751	1742	552	47326	2891	10755	282	704	66003	277
1886	239	1779	1734	510	55318	3433	11251	317	774	75116	314
*1887	60	434	379	124	15042	687	3037	95	113	19911	332
1887-8	242	1713	1271	763	57440	2342	12728	293	700	77250	319
1888-9	233	2199	1170	809	60849	2465	12361	364	848	81065	348
1889-90	235	2639	1501	844	67297	3089	12199	455	828	88852	378
Totals	3008	18289	17267	7124	474808	33155	105639	3875	7024	667181	222
Perentg.		2·74	2·59	1·07	71·17	4·97	15·83	0·58	1·05		

* In 1887 the Library year commenced March 26th instead of January 1st. For comparing yearly issues those for 1886 and the first three months of 1887 are given as above; and on page 12, for comparing monthly issues, those for March (after 25th), 1887 to 1889, are added to those for March (to 25th), 1888 to 1890, respectively.

Monthly Issues of Books for 1878 to 1889-90.

Years.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Yearly Totals.
1878	2092	2245	2576	2384	2455	2172	2374	2173	613	2438	2620	2166	26308
1879	2791	2649	3094	2688	2542	2162	2714	1109	2033	2862	2708	2850	30202
1880	2936	2840	2586	3105	3012	2864	2835	1217	1686	3113	3168	2672	32034
1881	2517	2842	3180	3162	2878	2736	2873	527	2442	3300	3319	3060	32836
1882	2818	3410	3709	3489	3568	3425	3596	1301	closed ten	weeks extra	2180	3396	30892
1883	4197	3895	4703	4324	4332	4069	4034	1461	3973	4870	4720	4328	48906
1884	4040	5049	5640	5119	5399	4666	4806	1620	5148	5378	5558	5383	57806
1885	5607	5520	6190	5393	5775	5484	5515	1940	5710	6799	6200	5870	66003
1886	6826	6683	7913	6696	6891	6226	6011	1880	5870	6919	6988	6213	75116
*1887	7198	6652	6061	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19911
	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	
1887-8	6429	6565	6145	6256	2080	6400	7098	7259	6931	7325	7207	7555	77250
1888-9	7273	6903	6718	6682	..	6737	7374	7435	7461	7880	7746	8856	81065
1889-90	7895	7636	7061	7718	..	7506	8242	8729	7725	8990	8445	8905	88852
Totals	57957	57956	53728	55414	15308	48118	58393	60884	58055	65217	65183	70968	667181
Percntge	8·69	8·69	8·05	8·31	2·29	7·21	8·75	9·13	8·70	9·77	9·77	10·64	

* See note on page 11.

Issues of Books in Elementary Schools from September, 1889, to March, 1890.

Boys' and Mixed Schools. Scholars in Standard IV. and upwards.	Scholars Estmtd.	Books Sent.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total Issues.	Issues per Book	Issues Monthly
Bull Close Road	156	161	407	323	480	320	440	342	343	2655	16·5	379
Crook's Place	178	181	514	547	671	411	576	320	381	3420	18·9	489
Heigham Street	87	90	153	75	200	153	165	207	132	1085	12·1	155
Lakenham	98	101	289	256	206	90	237	216	191	1485	14·7	212
Model	196	201	551	558	570	235	403	422	394	3133	15·6	448
Nelson Street	189	186	387	388	657	413	509	536	462	3352	18·0	479
Old Meeting	49	50	192	176	184	136	103	65	93	949	19·0	136
Quay Side	80	81	138	121	148	91	115	137	100	850	10·5	121
St. Augustine	300	301	997	910	601	629	655	682	670	5144	17·1	735
St. Peter Mancroft..	75	76	223	136	145	60	140	107	70	881	11·6	126
St. Philip	75	75	260	235	181	91	171	154	155	1247	16·6	178
St. Stephen	56	60	83	67	165	83	101	116	108	723	12·1	103
Surrey Road	121	121	316	134	240	59	182	262	292	1485	12·3	212
Thorpe Hamlet	93	101	109	191	169	104	201	112	192	1078	10·7	154
Boys' Schools	1753	1785	4619	4117	4617	2875	3998	3678	3583	27487	15·4	3927
Earlham	15	45	31	45	61	39	48	48	54	326	7·2	47
Eaton	30	45	71	91	107	92	100	62	84	607	13·5	87
Philadelphia	35	45	0	131	110	52	95	68	101	557	12·4	80
Roman Catholic	73	76	232	250	129	92	80	78	98	959	12·6	137
St. Martin-at-Palace	40	45	63	63	58	28	25	41	63	341	7·6	49
St. Peter per Mountergate	50	55	123	165	160	122	104	99	0	773	14·1	110
St. Stephen	32	45	123	97	167	59	122	118	114	800	17·8	114
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Mixed Schools	275	356	643	842	792	484	574	514	514	4363	12·3	623

Issues of Books in Elementary Schools from September, 1889, to March, 1890—(*Continued*).

Girls' Schools. Scholars in Standard IV. and upwards.	Scholars Estmtd.	Books Sent.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total Issues.	Issues per Book	Issues Monthly
Crook's Place	167	171	250	291	573	203	363	324	349	2353	13·8	336
Heigham Street	78	81	266	286	306	180	204	212	151	1605	19·8	229
Horn's Lane	79	81	233	198	378	116	134	255	216	1530	18·9	219
Lakenham	70	71	215	271	210	71	127	148	140	1182	16·6	169
Model	150	151	394	335	306	71	150	294	329	1879	12·4	268
Nelson Street	161	134	315	381	433	255	310	404	290	2388	17·8	341
Octagon	70	70	225	205	238	141	104	192	228	1333	19·0	190
Orphan's Home	14	45	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	196	4·4	28
Quay Side	44	45	51	88	107	0	75	69	68	458	10·2	65
St. Augustine	164	166	185	389	525	236	202	255	182	1974	11·9	282
*St. Bartholomew	69	59	..	..	98	75	112	128	112	525	8·9	105
St. Giles	85	86	192	209	146	54	137	69	156	963	11·2	138
St. Miles	48	50	75	129	114	28	88	96	96	626	12·5	89
St. Paul	69	70	41	207	229	96	0	56	301	930	13·3	133
St. Philip	68	71	120	182	124	128	91	116	115	876	12·3	125
*Surrey road	77	59	..	..	145	87	158	153	149	692	11·7	138
Thorpe Hamlet	70	70	119	138	125	99	164	146	161	952	13·6	136
Girls' Schools	1483	1480	2709	3337	4085	1868	2447	2945	3071	20462	13·8	2923
Boys' ,, ...	1753	1785	4619	4117	4617	2875	3998	3678	3583	27487	15·4	3927
†Mixed ,, ...	275	356	643	842	792	484	574	514	514	4363	12·3	623
Totals	3511	3621	7971	8296	9494	5227	7019	7137	7168	52312	14·4	7473

* These Schools had the Books only five months.

† Most of the Mixed Schools, being small, had a larger proportion of Books that each Scholar might have a change throughout the year.

A Selection from the Additions to the Library during 1889-90.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Alexander's Jews: Their Past, Present, and Future. Allen's Universalism Asserted. Audubon's Life and Adventures. Baker's Battling Life, chiefly in the Civil Service. Berkeley's Reminiscences of a Huntsman. Bertram's Harvest of the Sea. Bewick's (W.) Life and Letters. Boyd's Commonplace Philosopher in Town and Country. Brinsmead's History of the Pianoforte. Browning's Asolando, Fancies and Facts. Brown's John Leech and other Papers. Burke's Romance of the Forum. Cobbe's Modern Rack, Papers on Vivisection. Collier's History of Dramatic Poetry and Annals of the Stage. Cromwell and the Protectorate. Dawson's Geological History of Plants. Dowden's Shakspere, a Critical Study of His Mind. Du Chaillu's Journey to Ashango-Land. Essays on Cathedrals. Essays on Free Worship and Finance. Extraordinary Men, Their Boyhood and Early Life. Female Life in Prison. Ferguson's History of Cumberland. Fitzherbert's (Mrs.) Memoirs. Floyer's Unexplored Balūchistan. Galton's Narrative of an Explorer in Tropical South Africa. Gilchrist's (Anne) Life and Writings. Gould's Origin and Development of Religious Belief. Gower's Confessio Amantis, Tales of the Seven Deadly Sins. Green's French Pictures. Hall and Bernard's Nemesis in China. Hancock's Amateur Pottery and Glass Painter. Handel's Twelve Grand Concertos for Violins, &c., in Seven Parts. Havard's Picturesque Holland. Herbert's Three Phases of Christian Love. Hullah's Cultivation of the Speaking Voice. Hutton's Essays, Theological and Literary. James's (J. A.) History, Character, Eloquence, and Literary Labours. Johnston's River Congo. Jukes-Browne's Building of the British Isles. Kaye's History of the War in Afghanistan. Knighton's Struggles for Life. Koldewey's German Arctic Expedition of 1869-70. Lagrange's Physiology of Bodily Exercise. Lubbock's Pleasures of Life. Lumley's Reminiscences of the Opera. Manning's Italian Pictures. Marvin's Region of Eternal Fire. M'Causland's Adam and the Adamite. Minton's Capital and Wages. Mivart's Genesis of Species. Montefiore's Stanley, the African Explorer. Mosheim's Ecclesiastical History, Ancient and Modern. Mukharji's Art-Manufactures of India. Myers's Lectures on Great Men. Ormerod's British Social Wasps. Osborn's Cruise in Japanese Waters. Palmer's Book of Praise. Palmerston's Life, 1846 to 1865, with Selections from His Speeches, &c. Patmore's Principle in Art, &c. Richter's Levana, or the Doctrine of Education. Roberts's Memoirs of the Rival Houses of York and Lancaster. Seguin's Country of the Passion Play. Smyth's Our Inheritance in the Great Pyramid. Spencer's Principles of Biology, and Principles of Psychology. Starcke's Primitive Family in Its Origin and Development. Stewart's Canada Under the Administration of the Earl of Dufferin. Stothard's (T.) Life, with Personal Reminiscences by Mrs. Bray. Sullivan's New Ireland. Tennyson's Demeter and other Poems. Timmins's History of Warwickshire. Tudor's Orkneys and Shetland. Turner's Quakers, a Study, Historical and Critical. Voltaire's History of Charles XII., with Anecdotes of Peter the Great. Waddie's Divine Philosophy. Ward's Workmen and Wages at Home and Abroad. Wesley's Journal. Whittier's Writings. Wilberforce's Life. Wilkie's Life, with His Journals, Tours, and Critical Remarks. Also of the Story of the Nations Series—presented by the Rev. Canon Hinds Howell—Alexander's Empire, Assyria, Barbary Corsairs, Carthage, Chaldea, Early Britain, Germany, Goths, Hansa Towns, Holland, Hungary, Ireland, Jews, Media, Mediæval France, Moors in Spain, Persia, Phœnicia, Rome, Saracens, and Turkey.

Various works published in series continue to be added—such as the Carisbrooke and Minerva Libraries, County and Diocesan Histories, International Scientific and Story of the Nation Series, and Tolstoi's works; also the leading current Magazines to date. The Musical Works and French Plays have been increased, and sets of works are being completed. The stock of Fiction has been kept up, some 260 books worn out having been replaced, sets by familiar authors made more complete, and a few works by recent authors obtained.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Abridgments of Specifications of Patents. Armstrong's Banquet of Jests and Merry Tales. Bradshaw's Collected Papers. British Association Report of Bath Meeting. Burton's History of the Reign of Queen Anne. Canada, a Memorial Volume. Chap-Books, Amusing Prose, chiefly of the Last Century. Dalziel's British Dogs. Dictionary of Needlework. Duruy's History of Rome and the Roman People. Frazer's Account of Persia, &c. Georgian Era, Memoirs of the Most Eminent Persons. Gibbs's Manual Hebrew and English Lexicon. Government Reports and Returns of Building, Co-operative, and Friendly Societies, &c. Grammont's Memoirs of the Court of Charles II., &c. Henry's Exposition of the Old and New Testaments. Herford's Literary Relations of England and Germany. Hopley's Snakes, Curiosities and Wonders of Serpent Life. Horton's Silver Pound, with History of the Guinea. Humorous Readings, ed. by C. B. Neville. Hurlbert's Ireland Under Coercion. Journal of the Institute of Bankers, vols. 1 to 10. Kitto's Cyclopædia of Biblical Literature. Labour Statistics, Returns of Expenditure of Working Men. Lee's Grammar of the Hebrew Language. Local Government Board Reports. Mining Manual. Parker Society Publications. Pope's Works (1717). Renan's Recollections of My Youth. Report of the Centenary Conference on Protestant Missions. Report of the Smithsonian Institution, 1885-6. Reports of Church Congresses. Sacrifice of Education to Examination. Schellen's Spectrum Analysis. Tollemache's Stones of Stumbling, and Safe Studies. Wills Proved and Enrolled in the Court of Husting, London, 1258-1358. Wright's Blue Friars, Their Sayings and Doings. Also—presented by the Syndics of the University Press, Cambridge—Bendall's Journey of Literary and Archæological Research in Nepal and Northern India, Bensley's Missing Fragment of the Latin Translation of the 4th Book of Ezra, Conway's Woodcutters of the Netherlands in the 15th Century, Cunningham's Growth of English Industry and Commerce during the Early and Middle Ages, Etheridge's Catalogue of Australian Fossils, Fenton's Notes on Qualitative Analysis, Gosse's From Shakespeare to Pope, an Inquiry into the Rise of Classical Poetry in England; Illustrations of Comparative Anatomy, Kellett's Pope Gregory the Great and His Relations with Gaul, Macfarren's Counterpoint, Montgomery's History of Land Tenure in Ireland, Muir's Treatise on the Principles of Chemistry, Muir and Carnegie's Practical Chemistry, Muir and Slater's Elementary Chemistry, Munro's Constitution of Canada, Shaw's Practical Work at the Cavendish Laboratory, Heat; Thomson and Tait's Treatise on Natural Philosophy, and Elements of Natural Philosophy; Tilley's Literature of the French Renaissance, Vine's Lectures on the Physiology of Plants, and Whibley's Political Parties in Athens during the Peloponnesian War.

Works in parts or volumes as published have here, too, been added—such as Board of Trade Journal, Book-Lover's Library, Dictionary of National Biography, Early English Text and Wyclif Societies' Publications, Gentleman's Magazine Library, Historical Manuscripts Commission's

Reports, New English Dictionary, and Times Parliamentary Debates; also a large number of Magazines. The following are periodically bound:—"Daylight," "Eastern Daily Press," "Norfolk Daily Standard," "Times" (daily edition, and Index thereto purchased as published), the leading Illustrated Magazines and Newspapers, and Literary, Professional, and Religious Journals.

The Trustees of the British Museum have kindly forwarded Catalogues of the Additions to Manuscripts, 1882-7; the Chelonians, Rynchocephalians, and Crocodiles; the Fossil Cephalopoda, part 1; the Fossil Fishes, part 1; the Fossil Reptilia and Amphibia, parts 2 and 3; the Hindustani Printed Books; the Marsupalia and Monotremata; and of the Printed Books, 19 parts. Also the Guide to the Mineral Gallery, and Lists of the Bibliographical Works and Books of Reference.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Abbott's Desolation of the Sanctuary, and Time of Restitution. Abel's Narrative of a Journey in China. Austin's Selections from the Old Testament. Bentley's Consecration of Cemeteries, Apostolical and Necessary. Bloom's Pulpit Oratory in the Time of James I., with Examples. Brightwell's Memorials of Great Lawyers. Bunsen's (Frances) Life and Letters. Burdett's Prince, Princess, and People. Burney's General History of Music. Burn's History of French, Walloon, Dutch, and other Refugees. Cappe's Memoirs of Her Life. Colenso's Life, and Pentateuch and Book of Joshua. Collings's Cordial for a Fainting Soule (1652), and other works. Cowper's Life and Posthumous Writings, by W. Hayley. Cutting's Gleanings About Gayton in the Olden Time. Davies and Broughall's Our Home in Aveyron. Elvin's Dictionary of Heraldry. Forster's Life. Glyde's Illustrations of Old Ipswich. Gunn's Cartonensia, Account of the Tapestries in the Vatican. Haggitt's Sermons to Country Congregations. Hall's Resolutions and Decisions of Cases of Conscience (1649), and other works. Harmer's Miscellaneous Works, with Memoir by W. Youngman. Hooker's Journal of a Tour in Iceland in 1809. Hudson's Early Municipal Organization in Norwich, and History of St. Peter per Mountergate. Husenbeth's Defence of the Creed and Discipline of the Catholic Church. Jay's Scattered Memories of Foreign Travel. Jeaffreson's Queen of Naples and Lord Nelson. Keppel's (G.) Journey Across the Balcan. Keppel's (H.) Expedition to Borneo. Kirkpatrick's Streets and Lanes of Norwich. Mackay's Mythological Astronomy, and other works. Mann's Planetary and Stellar Universe. Merewether and Stephen's History of Boroughs and Municipal Corporations. Miles's Chess Gems, and Poems and Chess Problems. Morgan's Lectures on Electricity (1794). Norfolk Records in the Public Record Office, London. Palmer's Yarmouth Notes, 1830-72. Parr's Bibliotheca Parriana. Porson's Tracts and Miscellaneous Criticisms. Postle's (F. and Eliza) Fugitive Pieces. Reynold's Passions and Faculties of the Soul of Man. Rigby's Residence on the Shores of the Baltic. Rivett's Ten Years' Church Work in Natal. Rye's Catalogue of 50 Norfolk MSS., and Cromer, Past and Present. Simpson's Pictures from Revolutionary Paris in 1848. Smith's Lachesis Lapponica, or a Tour in Lapland. Stark's Scenery of the Rivers of Norfolk. Stevenson's Tour in France, Savoy, Italy, &c. Stoughton's Spiritual Heroes, or Sketches of the Puritans. Tanner's Notitia Monastica, an Account of Abbies, Priories, &c. Taylor's Paraphrase with Notes on the Epistle to the Romans. Transactions of the Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society. Walpole's Ansayrii and the Assassins, and Catalogue of Royal and Noble Authors of England. Windham's Speeches in Parliament, with Account of His Life.

There have also been added as published, by presentation, or as special opportunities to purchase arose, East Anglian Notes and Queries, Engravings, Etchings, Magazine Articles, Maps, Old Newspapers, Ordnance Survey Sheets (Norfolk), Pamphlets, Plans, and Portraits (including those of Mr. J. W. Dowson, J. Freeman, and T. Jarrold).

Annual Reports from the following similar Libraries have been received, the figures where given denoting the number of the Report and apparent age of the Library:—Aberdeen, Barrow-in-Furness 6, Birkenhead 33, Birmingham 27, Bootle-cum-Linacre 1 and 2, Cambridge 34, Cardiff 27, Chester 11, Clapham 2, Derby 18, Devon and Exeter 19, Doncaster 20, Ealing 6, Folkestone 7, Glasgow, Handsworth 9, Hanley 2, Kensington 1, Leamington Spa, Leeds 19, Leek 4, Leicester 18, Liverpool 36 and 37, Manchester 37, Newcastle 8, Newport 19, Plymouth 12, Portsmouth 5, Preston 11, Reading, Richmond 8, Rotherham 8, Salford 41, Smethwick, Sheffield 33, Southampton 1, South Shields 16, Sydney 18, Tonbridge 7, Twickenham 7, Tynemouth 19, Walsall 31, Watford 18, Wednesbury 11, West Bromwich 15, Widnes 2, Wimbledon 2, Yarmouth 3. Also the following Reports:—Deptford Library and Club 19, Guernsey Guille-Allès Library, New York Maimonides Library, Stirling's and Glasgow Public Library 98.

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*The following Magazines, Reviews, Newspapers, Directories, &c., are placed in the Reading-Rooms. Those marked * are placed in the Women's Reading-Room, and those marked † are presented.*

ANNUALLY.

Cambridge University Calendar
Christian World Year-Book
Church of England Year-Book
College of Preceptors Calendar
Crockford's Clerical Directory
†Durham University Calendar
†East Anglian Handbook
Edinburgh University Calendar
Educational List and Directory
Educational Year-Book
Garden Annual
Hazell's Annual Cyclopedia
Liberal Year-Book
London University Calendar
Owen's College Calendar
Oxford University Calendar
Royal Coll. of Surgeons Calendar
Schoolmaster's Calendar
Statesman's Year-Book
Stock Exchange Year-Book
Univ. College of Wales Calendar

QUARTERLY.

Congregational Review
Edinburgh Review
Navy List
Quarterly Review

MONTHLY.

†Agricultural Economist
All the Year Round
†Animal World
*Argosy (1 in Men's)
Army List
*Art Journal
*Atalanta
Atlantic Monthly
*Belgravia
Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine
Board of Trade Journal
†Building Society's Gazette
†Canadian Patent Office Record
*Cassell's Family Mag. (1 in Men's)
*Century Illustrated
*Chambers's Journal (1 in Men's)
Cohen's Journal
†Concord
Contemporary Review
Cornhill Magazine
†Cottager and Artizan
*English Illustrated
*†Englishwoman's Review
*†Financial Reformer (2 in Men's)

MONTHLY—(*continued*).

†Fire and Water
Fortnightly Review
†Friend of China
Gentleman's Magazine
*Girl's Own Paper
*†Glad Tidings (1 in Men's)
†Good Health
Good Words
*Harper's Magazine
†Herald of Health
*Household Words
†Imperial Federation
†Insurance and Banking Review
†Insurance and Financial Gazette
†Jewish Intelligence
*Ladies' Gazette of Fashion
*Ladies' Treasury
†Land and Labour
†Leather Trades Circular and Rev.
Leisure Hour
†Liberal Unionist
London Society
Longman's Magazine
Macmillan's Magazine
Manufacturer and Inventor
†Miller, Technical Issue
Murray's Magazine
*†Musical Budget
†Musical Herald and Tonic Sol-Fa Reporter
*†Musical Times
National Review
†New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century
Oddfellows' Magazine
*†Our Own Gazette
*†Our Work
Personal Rights Journal
†Phillips's Machinery Register
†Plumber and Decorator
†Practical Patentee
Quiver
Review of Reviews
Science Gossip
*Scribner's Magazine
*Sylvia's Home Journal
Temple Bar
Tinsley's Magazine
†Tract Magazine
Universal Review
†Vaccination Inquirer

MONTHLY—(*continued*).

†Vegetarian Messenger
Westminster Review
*†Woman's World
*Women's Suffrage Journal
Zoophilist

FORTNIGHTLY.

†Brewers' Guardian
†Present Truth

TRI-WEEKLY.

Exchange and Mart

BI-WEEKLY.

*†Norwich Argus (1 in Men's), 1 giv.
*†Norwich Mercury (1 in Men's), 1 giv.

WEEKLY.

†Agriculture
†Alliance News
†Amateur Photographer
Athenæum
Australasian
†Boot and Shoe Trades Journal
*†Boston Independent
Boy's Own Paper
Builder
†Builder's Weekly Reporter
Building News
†Bullionist
†Cambridge Independent
†Canadian Gazette
Cassell's Saturday Journal
†Catholic Times
*†Christian World (2 in Men's), 1 giv.
*Christian World, Family Circle Ed.
*†Civil Service Competitor
†Civil Service Gazette
†Civil Service Times
†Colliery Guardian
†Colonies and India, Home Edition of European Mail
†Commonwealth
*†Co-operative News (1 in Men's)
*†Daylight (2 in Men's), 2 given
Detroit Free Press
†Drapers' Record
*†Eastern Weekly Press
*†Echoes
Engineer
Engineering
England
English Mechanic
Era
Family Churchman
*Family Herald and Supplement
Field
*Fun
Gardeners' Magazine
†Gardening World

WEEKLY—(*continued*).

*Graphic (1 in Men's)
*Guardian
*Illus. London News (1 in Men's)
Illus. Official Journal (Patents)
†Invention and Inventor's Mart
†Iron
†Journal of Society of Arts
Judy
*Lady's Pictorial
Land and Water
†Leather Trades Circular and Rev.
†Literary World
*London Journal
*†Lowestoft Journal
†Lowestoft Standard
†Lynn News and County Press
Mechanical World
†Metropolitan
†Midland Counties' Herald
Money
Nation
Newcastle Chronicle
*†Norfolk Chronicle (1 in Men's), 1 given
*†Norfolk News (1 in Men's) 1 given
†Norfolk Weekly Standard
Notes and Queries
Pall Mall Budget
*†People's Weekly Journal
Phonetic Journal
Public Opinion
*Punch (1 in Men's)
*Queen
†Refreshment News
*†Richmond and Twickenham Times
†Sale and Exchange
Saturday Review
†School Board Chronicle
*School Guardian
†Schoolmaster
*Schoolmistress
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List
Shorthand Weekly News
Speaker
Spectator
†Sydney Mail
†Tablet
†Tailor and Cutter
Temperance World and Blue Ribbon Chronicle
Times Parliamentary Debates
†Unitarian Herald
United Ireland
†Universe
†Vegetarianism
†Volunteer Service Gazette
†Weekly Register
*†Worcester Herald

Daily Newspapers.

Chronicle (in Lobby)
East Anglian Daily Times (in Lobby)
*†Eastern Daily Press (2 in Men's) 1 given
†Eastern Evening News (1 in Lobby). 1 given
Echo (in Lobby)
News
Norfolk Daily Standard (in Lobby)
Pall Mall
St. James's Gazette
*Standard (1 in Men's)
Star (in Lobby)
*Telegraph (1 in Men's)
Times

Railway Time Tables.

†Bradshaw, and Continental in season
†Cook's Excursionist
†Eastern and Midlands
†Great Eastern
†Great Eastern Continental
†Great Northern
†Great Western
†London and North Western
†London and South Western
†London, Brighton, & South Coast
†London, Chatham, and Dover
†Midland
†Norwich—Fletcher's and Jarrold's
†South Eastern

Kelly's Directories.

Beds, Hunts, and Northamptonshire
Berks, Bucks, and Oxon
Birmingham, Staffs, Warwickshire, and Worcestershire
Cambs, Norfolk, and Suffolk
Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Notts, and Rutlandshire
Devonshire and Cornwall
Essex, Herts, and Middlesex
Kent, Surrey, and Sussex
Lancashire, Liverpool, and Manchester
Lincolnshire, with Hull and Neighbourhood
London
London Surburban
Somersetshire and Gloucestershire, with Bristol
Yorks (West Riding; and North and East Ridings, with York).

Acts of Parliament—Educational, Local, Social, &c.
Advertiser's A B C of Official Scales and Charges and Press Directory.
Almanacks—Financial Reform, Whitaker's, &c.
Anglo-Indian and American Traders' Journal.
Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable, Southgate's Many Thoughts.
Business Directory of London and Provincial and Foreign Trade Guide.
Civil Service Guides—A B C and Johnson's.
Crockford's Clerical Directory, and Men of the Time.
Debrett's Peerage, Baronetage, and Knightage.
Export Merchant Shippers and Manufacturers' Trade Directory.
Eyre's Hotels of the United Kingdom.
Eyre's Norwich District Directory, and Jarrold's Norwich Directory.
Haydn's Dictionary of Dates, and Townsend's Manual of Dates.
Howard's Roads of England and Wales.
Kelly's Handbook to the Titled, Landed, and Official Classes.
Lamb's Trades' Diaries (twelve in one vol.), &c.
Lists of Deceased Seamen, and Reports of Explosion Inquiries.
Mercantile Directory and Manufacturers' Guide.
Perry's Manufacturers and Merchants' Directory.
Preston's (Chambers's) Index to Heir-at-Law and Next-of-Kin.
Sell's Dictionary of the World's Press and Advertisers' Reference Book.
Stubbs' Directory—Manufacturers, Merchant Shippers, and Professional.

The Shipping Gazette and Time Tables are placed in the Lobby.

Financial Statement for the Year ending March 24th, 1890.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To 1d. in the £ raised with Borough Rate ..	1095	0	0
,, Rents	50	4	6
,, Sale of Borrowers' Cards, Waste Paper, &c.	24	4	5
,, Ditto Catalogues	18	7	6
,, School of Art proportion of cost of Water	5	0	2
,, Telephone Company (way leave, and compensation)	4	15	3
,, Gas Company (discount)	0	18	0
,, Balance due to Treasurer, March 24th, 1890	337	5	2
	£1535	15	0

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Treasurer, March 25th, 1889	265	5	5
,, Salaries and Wages	448	4	6
,, Books	234	12	10
,, Newspapers and Periodicals	81	0	1
,, Bookbinding and Numbering	120	11	2
,, Printing and Stationery (including Catalogues, £90 16s. 3d.)	131	10	9
,, Insurance	7	15	0
,, Gas and Coals	17	3	1
,, Repairs to Buildings	36	10	8
,, New Book Cases	24	3	8
,, Fittings for Electric Light	90	0	0
,, Electric Light (three quarters)	57	18	9
,, Sundries	20	19	1
	£1535	15	0

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand, March 25th, 1889 ..	122	10	1
,, Subscriptions and Donations	12	16	11
	£135	7	0

	£	s.	d.
By Purchase of Books, &c.	134	13	9
,, Balance in hand, March 24th, 1890 ..	0	13	3
	£135	7	0

Amount received by the Librarian for Fines, £63 1s. 1d.; expended in the formation of a Collection of Local Books, &c., £61 3s. 9d.; balance in hand, £1 17s. 4d.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath out of such part of my personal Estate as may by Law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Treasurer for the time being of the Norwich Free Library, the sum of

(free from Legacy Duty), for the benefit of the Norwich Free Library Committee, to be expended in such way as they may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the said Treasurer for the time being shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

*I bequeath**

**Books, Pictures, or other objects of Art or Interest.*

to the Treasurer for the time being of the Norwich Free Library (free from Legacy Duty, which duty I direct shall be paid out of my pure personality), for the benefit of the Norwich Free Library Committee, either for exhibition or such other purposes as they may deem expedient; and I further direct that the Receipt of the Treasurer of the said Committee shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

Donations may be intimated to the Librarian, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

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TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,

From March 26th, 1890, to March 25th, 1891.

Mayor, E. WILD, Esq., J.P.

COMMITTEE—

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GEORGE EASTER, Librarian. | J. G. TENNANT, Sub-Librarian.

JACOB FINCH and RICHARD LLOYD, Assistants.

H. HAYWARD, Reading-Room Attendant. J. LEMON, Sunday Attendant.

The Quarterly Meetings of the Committee will be held at the Library, at 4 p.m. on the following days—

April 8th, July 8th, and October 14th, 1891; and January 13th, 1892.

The Sub-Committees meet when required, and are specially summoned.

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"Amongst the varied external influences amidst which the human race is developed a book is incomparably the most important, and the only one that is absolutely essential; upon it the collective education of the race depends. It is the sole instrument of registering, perpetuating, and transmitting thought."—*Professor Rogers.*

REPORT.

In presenting the Thirteenth Annual Report of the present Librarian, the Committee regret extremely that their first duty is to place on record the great loss the institution has sustained during the past year by the lamented death of the late Alderman James Freeman, who for several years was their zealous, indefatigable, and able chairman, and under whose auspices the institution attained so much popularity and usefulness.

At the first meeting of the new Committee, Alderman Samuel Newman, J.P. was unanimously elected Chairman, and Alderman George White Vice-Chairman, for the ensuing year.

The two Lectures given under the auspices of the Corporation, and managed by the Libraries Committee, held in St. Andrew's Hall, were successful in attracting appreciative audiences. The first was by Sir R. S. Ball, on "Krakatoa;" and the second by Dr. Andrew Wilson, on "Sea Serpents and other Curious Animals, Real and Fabulous."

It occurring to the Committee that the educational advantages of the Library might be advanced by a series of Popular Lectures by local gentlemen of literary ability the following were arranged for, given by gentlemen who readily and cheerfully responded to the requests made to them:—The

first, by the Rev. H. H. Snell, B.A., on "Books and Readers," on December 2nd, 1890. The second, on January 12th, 1891, by G. C. Davies, Esq., subject—"Sketches of Life and Scenery Abroad." The third, on February 3rd, by the Rev. W. F. Creeny, M.A., F.S.A., subject—"Riding a Hobby in Sweden and Gotland, and Sights by the Way." The fourth, on March 3rd, by Bosworth Harcourt, Esq., subject—"An Hour with Douglas Jerrold," with recital selections from his writings. They were all held in the Blackfriar's Hall; and the thanks of the Committee and of the citizens are due to the above-named gentlemen for the kind and efficient services rendered by them.

The efforts of the Local Committee for the Cambridge University Extension Lectures have as heretofore been supplemented by providing the necessary text books, and setting apart a room for their use. Fortnightly Lectures are now being given therein by the Norwich Students' Association on various scientific subjects.

The late Alderman Freeman, having bequeathed a legacy of £20 for some special purpose in connection with the development of the Library, the Book Committee decided that a large paper copy of "Irving's Shakespeare," in eight volumes, should be purchased with a portion of such legacy, and have obtained the No. 1 copy of such work (only 150 large paper copies being printed); and acting in accordance with the well-known wishes of the deceased, the Committee think that the sum remaining in hand should be used in endeavouring to form a nucleus for a Shakespearian Department, to be augmented as additional funds are placed at its disposal, special donations for which purpose will be very acceptable.

The Sunday Opening of the Reading-Rooms has been appreciated, and has resulted in about 15,000 visits during the past year.

The Teachers in the 38 Elementary Schools are to be congratulated upon the success attending their labours in

issuing and recording the books in the Juvenile Department, now numbering 2869, the issues for the year being 56491.

The Exchequer grant to the County Council on behalf of technical instruction is still under the consideration of your Committee. The cry for more intellectual light and leading is naturally accompanied with a cry for more means for carrying on the ever-increasing and important work of this institution; and the Committee are still indulging the hope of receiving a portion of the extra penny to be raised under the provisions of the Act promoted by the Corporation for this and kindred purposes. If this is graciously granted the increasing wants of the Library can be better met; and when in possession (as shortly they will be) of the large room now used as a Bird Room in the Museum, they can utilize it as a Reference Department, so much needed. This department, now containing about 8000 volumes and over 3000 pamphlets, is as yet uncatalogued.

The Supplement to the Catalogue of the Lending Department has been delayed a short time in order to add the books recently ordered by the Book Committee, but will be in the hands of the printers during May next.

As usual the worn-out and discarded books have been sent to the City Asylum, and some of the illustrated periodicals, &c., to the children's wards in the Workhouse.

The order observed in the Reading-Rooms and Lending Department speaks well for those who frequent them, and also for the management.

On various pages from 8 to 18 may be found detailed particulars about the borrowers (age, sex, and occupation, with the wards in which they resided), borrowers' cards, issues of books for 1890-91 and preceding years from 1878, the Juvenile Department, selections of books, &c., and a list of donors—but

the following compressed statistics will assist in more readily comprehending the position and working of the Library during the year 1890-91 :—

LENDING DEPARTMENT—

Stock, 13486 volumes; being in—			
Art, Science, and Political Economy ..	1449	increase	78
Biography and Correspondence ..	1267	,,	108
Poetry and Drama	551	,,	17
Fiction	4092	,,	341
History and Travel..	1880	,,	67
Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellaneous..	3472	,,	195
Law and Theology	502	,,	54
Natural History	273	,,	20
Totals	13486	,,	880
,, last year	12606	,,	640
Days opened	235	last year	235
Borrowers' Cards issued (incl. duplicates) ..	4100	,,	4060
Actual number of borrowers.. ..	3874	,,	3863
New borrowers	953	,,	1058
Average issues to each borrower ..	23	,,	23
Issues, 90983 (98250 volumes); being in—			
Art, Science, and Political Economy ..	2737	increase	98
Biography and Correspondence ..	1570	,,	69
Poetry and Drama	887	,,	43
Fiction	69096	,,	1799
History and Travel	3223	,,	134
Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellaneous..	12020	decrease	179
Law and Theology	536	increase	81
Natural History	914	,,	86
Totals	90983	,,	2131
,, last year	88852	,,	7787
Average daily issues	387	last year	378
Issues in 1878, 26308—averaging 99 daily.			
Fines for overdue books	£65/1/7	,,	£63/1/1
Catalogues sold	265	,,	735
Books replaced	209	,,	264
Books sent to Binders (including Juvenile Department)	2586	,,	1862

LENDING DEPARTMENT (*continued*)—

Juvenile Department—

Stock, volumes	3869	last year	3667
Scholars eligible in 38 Schools (estimated)	3518	,,	3511
Books sent to Schools	3640	,,	3621
Months books issued	10	,,	7
Issues	56491	,,	52312
Total Lending Stock, volumes	17355	,,	16273
,, Issues ,, ...	154741	,,	148414

PRESENT STOCK, compared with last Report—

Books—

Lending Department	13486	increase	880
Juvenile ,, ...	3869	,,	202
Reference ,, ...	6290	,,	1207
Ditto (Local Collection)	1821	,,	218
Totals	25466	,,	2507
,, last year	22959	,,	4933

Pamphlets—

Reference Department	1101	,,	341
Ditto (Local Collection)	2365	,,	432
Totals	3466	,,	773
,, last year	2693	,,	93

Stock in December, 1877, about 3500 books.

The Lending Department is open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., except Sundays, Thursdays, Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Bank Holidays; and the Reading-Rooms for Men and Women (on the first floor) are open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., except Sundays (when it is from 3 to 9 p.m), Christmas Day, and Good Friday.

Wards wherein Borrowers Resided.

	Population 1881.	New Borrowers in 1890-91.	Borrowers since Dec. 1st, 1877.
First Ward ..	6442 ..	53 ..	1011
Second Ward ..	4039 ..	45 ..	899
Third Ward ..	27705 ..	393 ..	4903
Fourth Ward ..	2048 ..	15 ..	324
Fifth Ward ..	7437 ..	96 ..	1404
Sixth Ward ..	14621 ..	102 ..	1337
Seventh Ward ..	16556 ..	149 ..	1700
Eighth Ward ..	8994 ..	100 ..	1292
Totals ..	87842* ..	953 ..	12870

Ages of Borrowers.

	New Borrowers in 1890-91.	Borrowers since Dec. 1st, 1877.
Above 14 and under 20	477 ..	6231
,, 20 ,, 25	100 ..	1708
,, 25 ,, 30 . ..	80 ..	1182
,, 30 ,, 35	70 ..	836
,, 35 ,, 40	39 ..	612
,, 40 ,, 45	35 ..	458
,, 45 ,, 50	17 ..	289
,, 50 ,, 55	16 ..	247
,, 55 ,, 60	5 ..	149
,, 60	26 ..	301
Not stated	88 ..	857
Totals	953	12870

In 1877-78 (thirteen months) 1545 Cards (260 to females and 1285 to males) were issued to Borrowers. 1879—1782 Cards were issued, 802 (201 and 601) being to New Borrowers; total from December 1st, 1877, 2347. 1880—the numbers were 2000, 770 (202 and 568), and 3117 respectively. 1881—2000, 683 (193 and 490), and 3800. 1882—2200, 780 (226 and 554), and 4580. 1883—2500, 934 (284 and 650), and 5514. 1884—2850, 952 (343 and 609), and 6466. 1885—3250, 1034 (414 and 620), and 7500. 1886-7—3739, 1319 (541 and 778), and 8819. 1887-8—3900, 1020 (425 and 595), and 9839. 1888-9—3820, 1020 (450 and 570), and 10,859. 1889-90—4060, 1058 (510 and 548), and 11,917. 1890-91—4100, 953 (431 and 522), and 12870—being 4480 female and 8390 male Borrowers.

*Population in 1891, 100971.

Occupations of New Borrowers.

Accountants..	2
Agents	8
Assistants	15
Bakers and Confectioners ..	9
Blacksmiths	2
Boot and Shoemakers ..	24
Box Cutters and Maker ..	3
Bricklayers and Plasterer..	4
Brushmakers	8
Builders and Carpenters ..	7
Butchers	2
Cabinet-makers	5
Canvassers and Travellers	5
Carters and Grooms ..	5
Chairmakers	2
Charwomen	2
Clergymen and Ministers ..	6
Clerks	55
Clickers	11
Companions	2
Cooks	3
Cutters	2
Cycle Engineer and Maker	2
Dairymen	2
Domestic Servants.. ..	13
Drapers and Haberdashers	18
Dressmakers and Milliners	40
Engineers	4
Errand and Office Boys ..	25
Factory Hands	3
Finishers	9
Fitters	10
Florists	4
Folders	2
Foremen	2
Glazier and Plumbers ..	2
Grocers and Greengrocers..	10
Carried forward ..	328

Brought forward ..	328
Harness and Saddle Makers	3
Hawkers	2
Housekeepers	9
Housewives	2
Inspectors	3
Joiners	2
Labourers	4
Laundresses	4
Lithographers	6
Machinists	17
Managers	2
Nurses	13
Packers and Porters ..	7
Painters and Decorators ..	11
Paperhangers	2
Pensioners	2
Printers	16
Reporters	2
Rivetters	4
Scholars and Students ..	50
School Masters, Mistresses, and Teachers	45
Seamstresses	2
Shopkeepers	2
Smiths	5
Superintendents	3
Tailors and Tailoresses ..	30
Telegraphic Employés ..	6
Tobacconists	3
Trimmers	2
Upholsterers	2
Waiter and Waitress ..	2
Warehousemen	7
Watch and Clock Makers ..	4
Miscellaneous	73
Not stated	278
Total	953

Classified Register of Issues of Books for 1890-91.

Months. 1890-91.	Days Open.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corspndnce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellanus.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Monthly Issues.	Average Daily Issues.
March (aft. 25th)	4	47	26	16	1147	53	212	6	20	1527	382
April	20	283	172	104	6103	337	1169	58	104	8330	416
May	21	283	162	106	6033	328	1128	43	85	8168	389
June	21	246	115	66	5810	299	995	40	78	7649	364
July	22	214	136	64	6187	270	1020	32	71	7994	363
August	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
September ..	22	218	114	70	6452	245	1010	54	73	8236	374
October	22	242	149	74	6465	256	1042	52	69	8349	379
November.. ..	21	226	148	86	6274	271	1086	40	81	8212	391
December	22	217	131	62	5918	259	1126	50	76	7839	356
January	22	294	166	91	6916	316	1174	62	87	9106	414
February	20	249	133	75	6281	299	1080	39	96	8252	412
March (to 25th)	18	218	118	73	5510	290	978	60	74	7321	407
Totals	235	2737	1570	887	69096	3223	12020	536	914	90983	387
Percentage '90-91		3 01	1·73	0·98	75·94	3·54	13·21	0·59	1·00		
Percentage '89-90		2·97	1·69	0·95	75·74	3·48	13·73	0·51	0·93		

Classified Register of Issues of Books from 1878 to 1890-91.

Years.	Days Open.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corspndnce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellanus.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Yearly Issues.	Average Daily Issues.
1878	267	978	1132	595	18485	1814	2779	270	255	26308	99
1879	291	843	964	353	21300	1828	3443	560	911	30202	104
1880	290	1141	1697	639	19733	3030	5119	339	336	32034	110
1881	231	907	1903	501	18881	2749	7323	295	277	32836	142
1882	196	921	1311	318	19318	2577	5736	211	500	30892	158
1883	244	1437	1148	566	32586	3033	9512	202	422	48906	200
1884	242	1547	1315	550	41233	3217	9396	192	356	57806	239
1885	238	1751	1742	552	47326	2891	10755	282	704	66003	277
1886	239	1779	1734	510	55318	3433	11251	317	774	75116	314
*1887	60	434	379	124	15042	687	3037	95	113	19911	332
1887-8	242	1713	1271	763	57440	2342	12728	293	700	77250	319
1888-9	233	2199	1170	809	60849	2465	12361	364	848	81065	348
1889-90	235	2639	1501	844	67297	3089	12199	455	828	88852	378
1890-91	235	2737	1570	887	69096	3223	12020	536	914	90983	387
Totals	3243	21026	18837	8011	543904	36378	117659	4411	7938	758164	234
Perentg.		2·77	2·48	1·06	71·74	4·80	15·52	0·58	1·05		

* In 1887 the Library year commenced March 26th instead of January 1st. For comparing yearly issues those for 1886 and the first three months of 1887 are given as above; and on page 12, for comparing monthly issues, those for March (after 25th), 1887 to 1890, are added to those for March (to 25th), 1888 to 1891, respectively.

Monthly Issues of Books from 1878 to 1890-91.

Years.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Yearly Totals.
1878	2092	2245	2576	2384	2455	2172	2374	2173	613	2438	2620	2166	26308
1879	2791	2649	3094	2688	2542	2162	2714	1109	2033	2862	2708	2850	30202
1880	2936	2840	2586	3105	3012	2864	2835	1217	1686	3113	3168	2672	32034
1881	2517	2842	3180	3162	2878	2736	2873	527	2442	3300	3319	3060	32836
1882	2818	3410	3709	3489	3568	3425	3596	1301	closed ten	weeks extra	2180	3396	30892
1883	4197	3895	4703	4324	4332	4069	4034	1461	3973	4870	4720	4328	48906
1884	4040	5049	5640	5119	5399	4666	4806	1620	5148	5378	5558	5383	57806
1885	5607	5520	6190	5393	5775	5484	5515	1940	5710	6799	6200	5870	66003
1886	6826	6683	7913	6696	6891	6226	6011	1880	5870	6919	6988	6213	75116
*1887	7198	6652	6061	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19911
	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	
1887-8	6429	6565	6145	6256	2080	6400	7098	7259	6931	7325	7207	7555	77250
1888-9	7273	6903	6718	6682	..	6737	7374	7435	7461	7880	7746	8856	81065
1889-90	7895	7636	7061	7718	..	7506	8242	8729	7725	8990	8445	8905	88852
1890-91	8330	8168	7649	7994	..	8236	8349	8212	7839	9106	8252	8848	90983
Totals	66287	66124	61377	63408	15308	56354	66742	69096	65894	74323	73435	79816	758164
Perentge	8·74	8·72	8·10	8·37	2·02	7·43	8·80	9·11	8·69	9·80	9·69	10·53	

* See note on page 11.

Issues of Books in Elementary Schools for 1890-91.

Boys' and Mixed Schools. Scholars in Standard IV. and upwards.	Scholars Estmtd.	Books Sent.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total Issues.	Times Books Issued.	Average per Time.
Bull Close Road ..	170	170	346	322	323	78	..	..	..	494	467	458	2488	21	118
Crook's Place ..	185	185	238	301	324	76	441	443	227	276	400	410	3136	37	85
Heigham Street ..	78	80	237	198	159	27	280	227	71	0	84	29	1312	29	45
Lakenham	98	100	87	84	96	0	206	112	80	232	135	107	1139	31	37
Model	196	195	282	311	331	0	746	399	225	424	554	336	3608	28	129
Nelson Street ..	185	185	336	406	507	120	664	289	316	458	396	352	3844	35	110
Old Meeting ..	51	50	84	119	120	33	162	122	70	89	124	94	1017	35	29
Quay Side	76	75	41	86	91	24	147	121	27	85	106	73	801	29	28
St. Augustine ..	290	290	107	487	191	89	754	165	483	301	423	653	3653	27	135
St. Peter Mancroft..	75	75	44	52	46	27	145	87	134	72	40	113	760	20	38
St. Philip	75	75	126	174	175	0	224	168	81	134	109	96	1287	32	40
St. Stephen ..	56	55	54	61	76	10	62	124	55	95	119	72	728	30	24
Surrey Road ..	110	110	126	141	202	0	301	262	130	232	253	259	1906	31	61
Thorpe Hamlet ..	97	95	78	124	165	44	198	146	40	241	260	128	1424	29	49
Boys' Schools	1742	1740	2186	2866	2806	528	4330	2665	1939	3133	3470	3180	27103	414	65
Earlham	15	45	37	31	29	0	47	41	28	34	26	32	305	35	9
Eaton	30	45	85	66	83	0	92	78	47	60	54	56	621	34	18
Philadelphia ..	42	45	43	71	90	24	106	132	64	124	32	27	713	27	26
Roman Catholic ..	73	75	98	64	65	0	144	96	83	156	131	162	999	32	31
St. Martin-at-Palace	40	45	20	32	30	12	90	80	79	81	56	73	553	34	16
St. Peter per Mountergate	50	50	102	64	70	39	118	84	76	0	135	114	802	22	36
St. Stephen ..	32	45	58	77	101	27	145	120	33	124	116	87	888	31	29
Mixed Schools	282	350	443	405	468	102	742	631	410	579	550	551	4881	215	23

Issues of Books in Elementary Schools for 1890-91—(Continued).

Girls' Schools. Scholars in Standard IV. and upwards.	Scholars Estmtd.	Books Sent.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total Issues.	Times Books Issued.	Average per Time.
Crook's Place ..	149	160	526	300	325	0	400	438	235	325	336	318	3203	33	97
Heigham Street ..	73	80	132	194	222	0	254	247	120	234	237	61	1701	28	61
Horn's Lane ..	87	85	160	197	210	33	0	124	174	180	232	234	1544	29	53
Lakenham	70	70	150	131	145	0	231	140	74	145	145	109	1270	31	41
Model	150	150	152	174	109	0	148	251	59	94	256	120	1363	22	62
Nelson Street ..	131	135	215	425	428	110	558	440	334	446	378	374	3708	35	106
Octagon	70	70	160	174	168	47	320	157	121	116	182	183	1628	34	48
Orphan's Home ..	14	45	28	28	28	0	44	60	44	44	41	47	364	38	10
Quay Side	53	55	30	46	45	20	113	146	54	88	124	118	784	34	23
St. Augustine ..	191	190	121	220	209	44	392	233	173	178	247	98	1915	28	68
St. Bartholomew ..	69	70	87	126	123	0	106	98	66	108	103	124	941	34	28
St. Giles	85	85	89	106	99	0	141	134	68	107	100	47	891	32	28
St. Miles	48	50	51	62	63	0	130	62	44	93	108	79	692	28	25
St. Paul	82	80	100	194	131	0	196	178	79	130	112	154	1274	28	46
St. Philip	68	70	82	102	97	0	151	87	93	97	103	144	956	20	48
Surrey Road ..	73	75	126	123	110	23	127	163	128	185	169	138	1292	35	37
Thorpe Hamlet ..	81	80	69	89	64	25	147	110	105	128	133	111	981	30	33
Girls' Schools	1494	1550	2278	2691	2576	302	3458	3068	1971	2698	3006	2459	24507	519	47
Boys' ,,	1742	1740	2186	2866	2806	528	4330	2665	1939	3133	3470	3180	27103	414	65
*Mixed ,,	282	350	443	405	468	102	742	631	410	579	550	551	4881	215	23
Totals	3518	3640	4907	5962	5850	932	8530	6364	4320	6410	7026	6190	56491	1148	49

* Most of the Mixed Schools, being small, had a larger proportion of Books that each Scholar might have a change throughout the year.

A Selection from the Additions to the Library during 1890-91.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Barttelot's Life, from His Letters and Diary. Berdoe's Healing Art and the Claims of Vivisection. Birrell's Obiter Dicta, Series 1 and 2. Bismarck Intime. Blanc's 1848: Historical Revelations. Bolley and Paul's Manual of Technical Analysis. Booth's In Darkest England. Brittain's Rambles in East Anglia. Brodie's Psychological Inquiries. Burney's (Frances) Early Diary, 1768-78. Constable's Certain Hindrances to Wisdom in Statesmanship. Cotton's Voice from Waterloo. Darwin's Coral Reefs and Volcanic Islands, and Expression of the Emotions in Man and Animals. Dilke's Problems of Greater Britain. Dufferin and Ava's (Marchioness) Our Vice-Regal Life in India, 1884-8. Gibbon's Life and Letters, with His History of the Crusades. Gilman's Profit-Sharing Between Employer and Employee. Gould's Historic Oddities and Strange Events. Graham's Socialism New and Old. Haweis's Christ and Christianity. Holthaus's Wanderings of a Journeyman Tailor Through the East. Howitt's (Mary) Autobiography. Hunt's Treatise on the Cure of Stammering. Ireland Under Elizabeth and James I. Jameson's Story of the Rear Column of the Emin Pasha Relief Expedition. Jephson's Emin Pasha and the Rebellion at the Equator. Kingsley's Phaethon, and Restoration of Belief. Landor's Imaginary Conversations. Lanier's Science of English Verse. Lear's Bossuet and His Contemporaries. Lecky's England in the 18th Century, vols. 7 and 8. Lux Mundi: Studies in the Religion of the Incarnation. Lyra Elegantiarum. Machiavelli's History of Florence. Maling's Song Birds and How to Keep Them. Martyn's Memoir. McCarthy's Outline of Irish History. Milner and Brierly's Cruise of H.M.S. Galatea. M'Intosh's Greenhouse, Hothouse, and Stove. Morley's Studies in Literature. Nelson's Despatches and Letters. Peel's Ride Through the Nubian Desert. Pimblett's Emin Pasha, His Life and Work; with Account of Stanley's Relief March. Poulton's Colours of Animals, Their Meaning and Use. Sedgwick's Life and Letters. Shelley's (Mary W.), Life and Letters. Sibree's Madagascar and Its People. Simmonds's Waste Products and Undeveloped Substances. Stanley's In Darkest Africa. Stevenson's Birds of Norfolk, vol. 3. Stow's Survey of London. Toller's Treatise of the Law of Tithes. Troup's With Stanley's Rear Column. Ward's Five Years with the Congo Cannibals, and My Life with Stanley's Rear Guard. Watt's Economic Aspects of Recent Legislation. Wealth of Households. Wilkinson's Analysis of Butler's Analogy of Religion. Williams's Leaves of a Life. Willoughby's Dietetics.

The following series of works have been purchased:—Ancient and Modern Library of Theological Literature, Biographies of Great Artists, Contemporary Science, English Citizen (His Rights and Responsibilities), English Men of Action, English Statesmen, English Worthies, Romance of Science, and Social Science. Other works published in series continue to be added—such as the County and Diocesan Histories, Carisbrooke, Gentleman's Magazine, and Minerva Libraries, Imperial Parliament, International Scientific, and Story of the Nations Series; also the leading current Magazines to date. A large addition has recently been made to the stock of Fiction, sets by familiar authors being made more complete and a few works by recent authors obtained, and some 200 books worn out have replaced.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Adeline's Art Dictionary. British Association Report of 1889 Meeting. Bryan's Dictionary of Painters and Engravers, Biographical and Critical (1886-9). Burke's General Armory. Dictionary of Needlework. Dolan's Pasteur and Rabies. Earle's Philology of the English Tongue. Flags in Use by All Nations. Francatelli's Modern Cook. Govett's King's Book of Sports. Hazlitt's Studies in Jocular Literature. Howes's Atlas of Practical Elementary Biology. Hutchinson's Golf (Badminton Library). Indexes to the "Times." Locke's Life, and Works. Lockwood's Builder's Price Book. Macgillivray's Lives of Eminent Zoologists. New Testaments in French, German, and Greek. Palæontographical Society's Publications, from the commencement. Parkes's Manual of Practical Hygiene. Parliamentary Papers, Reports, and Returns—on Births, Deaths, and Marriages; Building, Co-operative, and Friendly Societies; Education, Finance, Fisheries, Licenses, Local Government, Market Rights and Tolls, Merchandise Marks, Post Offices, Prisons, Public-houses, Railways and Canals, Savings' Banks, Statistics, Town Holdings, &c. Plea for Liberty, Argument Against Socialism and Socialistic Legislation. Power's Handy-Book About Books. Public General Acts, 53 and 54 Vict., 1890. Punishment of Death, Articles from the "Morning Herald." Rees's Cyclopædia of Arts, Sciences, and Literature. Reports from the Commissioners Respecting the Public Records, 1800-19. Reports of the Cambridge and Oxford Universities Commissions. Rogers's Six Centuries of Work and Wages. Shaftesbury's (7th Earl of) Life and Work. Shakespeare's Works, Edited by H. Irving and F. A. Marshall. Simpson's Series of Ancient Baptismal Fonts. Victorian Patents and Patentees. Webster's International Dictionary. Wills Proved and Enrolled in the Court of Husting, London, 1358-1688. Wright's Court-Hand Restored.

Works in parts or volumes as published have here, too, been added—such as Board of Trade Journal, Book-Lover's Library, Dictionary of National Biography, Early English Text and Wyclif Societies' Publications, Gentleman's Magazine Library, Historical Manuscripts Commission's Reports, and New English Dictionary; also a large number of Magazines. The following are periodically bound:—"Daylight," Eastern Daily Press," "Norfolk Daily Standard," "Times" (daily edition, and Index thereto purchased as published), the leading Illustrated Magazines and Newspapers, and Literary, Professional, and Religious Journals. The Egypt and Palestine Exploration Funds being now subscribed to, the respective publications in regard thereto are also received as issued.

The Trustees of the British Museum have kindly forwarded Catalogues of the Fossil Reptilia and Amphibia, part 4; the Passeriformes or Perching Birds, vols. 13 and 15; the Picariæ, vol. 18; and of the Printed Books, 20 parts. Also the Book of the Dead, *Fac-simile* of the Papyrus of Ani in the British Museum; and the Guide to the Exhibition Galleries, Geology and Palæontology, parts 1 and 2.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Aikin's Biographical Memoirs of Medicine in Great Britain. Aikin's (Lucy) Translation of the Life of Zwingle. Allen's Way of the Spirit (1676). Copland's Agriculture, Ancient and Modern. Cuningham's Cosmographical Glasse. Fisher's Companion and Key to the History of England, Floricultural Cabinet. Fox's Christ and Christianity. Fuller's Our Title

Deeds. Garnier's Title Deeds of the Church of England. Goulburn's Three Counsels of the Divine Master for the Conduct of Spiritual Life. Govett's English Derived from Hebrew, with Glances at Greek and Latin. Goyder's Key of Knowledge to the Holy Scriptures. Gunn's Gothic Architecture. Horn's Brazen Serpent (1673). Howard's Doors and Doorways of Old Norwich. Hudson's Traces of the Early Development of Municipal Organization in Norwich. Jarrold's Dissertations on Man, in Answer to Mr. Malthus. Kemp's Refutation of Nonconformity. Lorkin's Wesleyan Methodism in Norwich in 1754. Lefroy's Christian Doctrine. Masters's Familiar Letters and Poems. Mitchell's Parish Register of Marsham, 1538—1836. Ogilby's Britannia, or England Surveyed; with Descriptions of Roads. Paget's Natural History of Yarmouth. Raven's Church Bells of Suffolk. Roberts's Sermons on the Histories of Scripture. Rye's Carrow Abbey. Sheppard and Whitear's Catalogue of Norfolk and Suffolk Birds. Spelman's Tithes (1647). Stevenson's Birds of Norfolk, vol. 3. Stewart's Bible Gems, or Illustrations of the Minuter Beauties of the Pentateuch. Taylor's (J.), Scripture Doctrine of Original Sin. Taylor's (I. O. H.) Chess Skirmishes, Chess Contributions, Obituary Notices, &c. Watson's Management of Horses, Dogs, and Cattle. Willins's Old Halls and Manor Houses of Norfolk. Woodward's Geology of England and Wales.

There have also been added as published, by presentation, or as special opportunities to purchase arose, Books, &c., relating to Lord Nelson, East Anglian Notes and Queries, Engravings, Etchings, Magazine Articles, Maps, Old Newspapers, Ordinance Survey Sheets (Norfolk), Pamphlets, Plans and Portraits (including those of Messrs. C. Cooper, G. Middleton, and S. Newman—which complete the set of portraits of the Chairmen of the Libraries Committee).

Annual Reports from the following similar Libraries have been received, the figures where given denoting the number of the Report and apparent age of the Library:—Aberdeen, Barrow-in-Furness 7, Birkenhead 34, Birmingham 28, Bootle-cum-Linacre 3, Bradford 20, Brighton, Cambridge 35, Cardiff 28, Cheltenham 6, Chester 12, Clapham 3, Clerkenwell 3, Clitheroe 11 and 12, Derby 19, Devon and Exeter 20, Doncaster 21, Ealing 7, Folkestone 8, Handsworth 10, Hanley 3, Kensington 2, Leamington Spa, Leeds 20, Leek 5, Leicester 19, Manchester 38, Northampton (two), Plymouth 13, Portsmouth 6, Putney 2, Richmond 9, Rotherham 9, Sheffield 34, Smethwick, Southampton 2, St. Helen's 13, Swansea 16, Sydney 19, Twickenham 8, Tynemouth 20, Watford 19, Wednesbury 12, West Bromwich 16, Widnes 3, Wigan 12, Wimbledon 3, Yarmouth 4. Also the following Reports:—Deptford Library and Club 20, New York Maimonides Library, Oxford Bodleian Library.

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To one or other of the Departments Books, &c., have been presented by Mr. J. Allen, Sir H. Bullard, Canon Duckett, other Friends, and various Proprietors—the Magazines, Newspapers, and Periodicals marked † on pages 19 to 21; Mr. R. F. Bealby, Mr. F. R. Beecheno, Messrs. G. Bell & Sons, Mr. M. Beverley, the British Association, Mr. J. S. Burbery, Mr. S. G. Buxton, Mons. A. Carlier, Messrs. Cassell & Co., Mr. P. Chalmers, Mr. G. J. Chester, the Cobden Club, Mr. J. J. Colman, the Committees of the Libraries previously referred to, the Corporation of the City of London, Mr. J. J. Coulton, Messrs. Crosby, Lockwood, & Co., Miss H. Davey, Mrs. S. Daynes, Rev. D. Dickson, the East London Institute for Missions, Mr. H. F. Euren, Mr. E. A. Field, Mr. F. R. Fiske, Mr. J. Freeman and his Executors, Mr. B. W. Harcourt, Mr. F. W. Harmer, Rev. Canon Hinds Howell, Rev. W. Hudson, the Irish Loyal Patriotic Union, the Jersey Commercial Association, the Jews Society, Mr. G. B. Kennett, the Leigh Browne Trustees, the Manager of "Fireside News," Mr. J. Miles, Mrs. F. Morrison, Mr. S. Newman, Mr. C. E. Noverre, Mr. H. S. Patteson, the Premier of Victoria, Mr. J. Reeve, the Registrar of Durham University, the Registrar of University Correspondence College, the Royal Colonial Institute, Mr. A. E. Rump, Mr. E. Skinner, Miss Spurgeon, Rev. F. Synge, the Trustees of the British Museum as on page 16, Captain C. Tucker, Mr. J. Vince, and Mr. C. Williams.

*The following Magazines, Reviews, Newspapers, Directories, &c., are placed in the Reading-Rooms. Those marked * are placed in the Women's Reading Room, and those marked † are presented.*

ANNUALLY.

Cambridge University Calendar
Church of England Year-Book
College of Preceptors Calendar
†Durham University Calendar
†East Anglian Handbook
Educational List and Directory
Hazell's Annual Cyclopedia
London University Calendar
Owen's College Calendar
Oxford University Calendar
†Political World Year Book
School Calendar
Statesman's Year-Book
†Trinity College London Calendar
Univ. College of Wales Calendar

QUARTERLY.

Congregational Review
Edinburgh Review
Navy List
Quarterly Review

BI-MONTHLY.

†Friend of China

MONTHLY.

†Agricultural Economist
All the Year Round
*†Animal World (1 in Men's)
*Argosy (1 in Men's)
Army List
*Art Journal
*Atalanta
Atlantic Monthly
Belgravia
Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine
Board of Trade Journal
†Building Society's Gazette
†Canadian Patent Office Record
*Cassell's Family Mag. (1 in Men's)
*Century Illustrated
*Chambers's Journal (1 in Men's)
†Child's Guardian
*†Concord (1 in Men's)
Contemporary Review
Cornhill Magazine
†Cottager and Artizan
†Educational Times
*English Illustrated Magazine
*†Englishwoman's Review
*†Financial Reformer (1 in Men's)
†Fire and Water

MONTHLY—(*continued*).

Fortnightly Review
†Free Russia
Gentleman's Magazine
*Girl's Own Paper
*†Glad Tidings (1 in Men's)
Good Words
*Harper's Magazine
*Household Words
†Imperial Federation
†Insurance and Banking Review
†Insurance and Financial Gazette
†Inventor
†Jewish Intelligence
†Journal of Professional Musicians
*Ladies' Gazette of Fashion
*Ladies' Treasury
†Leather Trades Circular and Rvw.
Leisure Hour
†Liberal Unionist
London Society
Longman's Magazine
Macmillan's Magazine
†Manufacturer and Inventor
†Miller, Technical Issue
Murray's Magazine
†Musical Herald and Tonic Sol-Fa Reporter
*†Musical Times
National Review
†New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century
Oddfellows' Magazine
*†Our Own Gazette
*†Our Work
†Personal Rights Journal
†Phillips's Machinery Register
†Plumber and Decorator
†Practical Patentee
†Practical Photographer
Quiver
Review of Reviews
Science Gossip
*Scribner's Magazine
*Sunday at Home
*Sylvia's Home Journal
Temple Bar
Tinsley's Magazine
†Tract Magazine
†University Correspondent
†Vaccination Inquirer

MONTHLY—(*continued*).

†Vegetarian Messenger
†Western World
Westminster Review
†Zoophilist

FORTNIGHTLY.

†Brewers' Guardian
†Present Truth

TRI-WEEKLY.

Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart

BI-WEEKLY.

*†Norwich Argus (1 in Men's), 1 giv.
*†Norwich Mercury (1 in Men's), 1 giv.

WEEKLY.

†Alliance News
†Amateur Photographer
Army and Navy Gazette
Athenæum
Australasian
†Boot and Shoe Trades Journal
*†Boston Independent
Boy's Own Paper
Builder
†Builders' Reporter and Engineering Times
Building News
†Bullionist
†Cambridge Independent
†Canadian Gazette
Cassell's Saturday Journal
†Catholic Times
†Christian Life and Unitarian Her.
*†Christian World (2 in Men's), 1 giv.
*Christian World, Family Circle Ed.
†Church Times
*†Civil Service Competitor
†Civil Service Gazette
†Civil Service Times
†Colliery Guardian
†Colonies and India, Home Edition of European Mail
*†Co-operative News (1 in Men's)
†Cromer and North Walsham Post
*†Daylight (2 in Men's)
Detroit Free Press
†Drapers' Record
*†Eastern Weekly Press
†Electrician
†Empire (Toronto)
Engineer
Engineering
England
English Mechanic
Era
*Family Herald and Supplement
Field
*†Free Life (1 in Men's)
*Fun

WEEKLY—(*continued*)

Gardeners' Magazine
†Gardening World
*Graphic (1 in Men's)
*Guardian
*Illus. London News (1 in Men's)
Illus. Official Journal (Patents)
†Invention and Inventor's Mart
†Iron
†Journal of Society of Arts
Judy
*Lady's Pictorial
Land and Water
†Leather Trades Circular and Rvw.
†Literary World
†Lowestoft Journal
†Lowestoft Standard
†Lynn News and County Press
Mechanical World
†Metropolitan
†Midland Counties' Herald
Money
*†Montreal Witness (1 in Men's)
Nation
Newcastle Chronicle
*†Norfolk Chronicle (1 in Men's), 1 given
*†Norfolk News (1 in Men's) 1 given
†Norfolk Weekly Standard
Notes and Queries
*†Our Weekly
Pall Mall Budget
*†People's Weekly Journal
Phonetic Journal
Public Opinion
*Punch (1 in Men's)
*Queen
†Refreshment News
*†Richmond and Twickenham Times
*†Rural World (2 in Men's)
Saturday Review
†School Board Chronicle
*School Guardian
Schoolmaster
*Schoolmistress
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List
Shorthand Weekly News
Speaker
Spectator
†Sydney Mail
†Tablet
†Tailor and Cutter
*†Temperance Chronicle (1 in Men's)
United Ireland
†Vegetarian
Volunteer Service Gazette
†Weekly Register
*†Worcester Herald
†Yarmouth Independent
Young Ladies' Journal

Daily Newspapers.

Chronicle (in Lobby)
East Anglian Daily Times (in Lobby)
*†Eastern Daily Press (2 in Men's) 1 given
†Eastern Evening News (1 also in Lobby) 1 given
Echo (in Lobby)
†Financial Times
News
Norfolk Daily Standard (in Lobby)
Pall Mall Gazette
St. James's Gazette
*Standard (1 in Men's)
Star (in Lobby)
*Telegraph (1 in Men's)
Times

Railway Time Tables.

Bradshaw, and Continental in season
†Cook's Excursionist
†Eastern and Midlands
†Great Eastern
†Great Eastern Continental
†Great Northern
†Great Western
†London and North Western
†London and South Western
†London, Brighton, & South Coast
†London, Chatham, and Dover
†Midland
†Norwich—Fletcher's and Jarrold's
†South Eastern

Kelly's Directories.

Beds, Hunts, and Northamptonshire
Berks, Bucks, and Oxon
Birmingham, Staffs, Warwickshire, and Worcestershire
Cambs, Norfolk, and Suffolk
Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Rutland, and Notts
Devonshire and Cornwall
Essex, Herts, and Middlesex
Kent, Surrey, and Sussex
Lancashire, Liverpool, and Manchester
Lincolnshire, with Hull and Neighbourhood
London
London Surburban
Somersetshire and Gloucestershire, with Bristol
Yorks (West Riding; and North and East Ridings, with York).

Acts of Parliament—Educational, Local, Social, &c.
Advertiser's A B C of Official Scales and Charges and Press Directory.
Almanacks—Financial Reform, Whitaker's, &c.
Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable, Southgate's Many Thoughts.
Business Directory of London and Provincial and Foreign Trade Guide.
Civil Service Guides—A B C and Johnson's.
Crockford's Clerical Directory, and Men of the Time.
Debrett's Peerage, Baronetage, and Knightage.
Export Merchant Shippers and Manufacturers' Trade Directory.
Eyre's Hotels of the United Kingdom.
Eyre's Norwich District Directory, and Jarrold's Norwich Directory.
Haydn's Dictionary of Dates, and Townsend's Manual of Dates.
Howard's Roads of England and Wales.
Kelly's Directory of Merchants, Manufacturers, and Shippers.
Kelly's Handbook to the Titled, Landed, and Official Classes.
Lamb's Trades' Diaries (twelve in one vol.), &c.
Lists of Deceased Seamen, and Reports of Explosion Inquiries.
Preston's (Chambers's) Index to Heir-at-Law and Next-of-Kin.
Sell's Dictionary of the World's Press and Advertisers' Reference Book.
Stubbs' Directory—Manufacturers, Merchant Shippers, and Professional.

The Shipping Gazette and Time Tables are placed in the Lobby.

Financial Statement for the Year ending March 24th, 1891.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
To 1d. in the £ raised with the Borough Rate	1113	10	0
,, Rents	50	4	6
,, Sale of Borrowers' Cards, Waste Paper, &c.	28	9	9
,, Ditto, Catalogues	6	12	6
,, School of Art proportion of cost of Water	2	8	6
,, Telephone Company (Way Leave) ..	1	11	0
,, Balance due to Treasurer, March 24th, 1891	154	3	8
	£1356	19	11

PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Treasurer, March 25th, 1890	336	11	11
,, Salaries and Wages	469	9	3
,, Books	142	3	5
,, Newspapers and Periodicals	73	13	10
,, Bookbinding and Numbering	135	10	5
,, Printing and Stationery	27	0	0
,, Insurance	7	15	0
,, Gas and Coals	31	9	4
,, Repairs to Buildings	19	12	8
,, Furniture and Repairs	6	8	3
,, Electric Light	85	10	0
,, Sundries	21	15	10
	£1356	19	11

Amount received by the Librarian for Fines, £65 1s. 7d., Balance in hand per last Report, £1 17s. 4d., total, £66 18s. 11d.; expended in the formation of a Collection of Local Books, &c., £60 19s. 2d.; Balance in hand, March 24th, 1891, £5 19s. 9d.

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JACOB FINCH AND RICHARD LLOYD, ASSISTANTS.
J. LEMON, READING-ROOM ATTENDANT. W. H. HALL, SUNDAY ATTENDANT.

The Quarterly Meetings of the Committee will be held at the Library, at 4 p.m. on the following days—

April 13th, July 13th, and October 12th, 1892; and January 11th, 1893.

The Sub-Committees meet when required, and are specially summoned.

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"Alone and silent? Why, 'tis rife
With form and sound! The hosts of thought
Are dwellers here; and thought is life.
Without it earth and man were not.

To war and state-craft leave the bay,—
A greater crown to these belongs:
The rulers of the world are they
Who make its books and songs."

Library Journal, U.S., 1891.

REPORT.

In presenting the Fourteenth Annual Report of the present Librarian, the Committee feel that they have no new features or experiences to bring under the notice of the Council, though the year has again been marked by steady progress in educational, scientific, and literary work, and by abundant evidences of the appreciation of large and increasing numbers of our fellow-citizens, and of the importance and value of such an institution in our midst. The desire for reading has shown no abatement, and the circulation of books has been restricted only by the amount of funds placed at the disposal of the Committee.

The Lectures given under the auspices of the Corporation, and the management of the Libraries Committee, fully maintained the high character of former years and the reputation of the distinguished gentlemen to whom we were indebted for them. They were delivered in St. Andrew's Hall, and were as follow:—January 19th, 1892, by Sir R. S. Ball, on "Invisible Stars;" chairman, the Mayor (G. M. Chamberlin, Esq.). February 16th, by the Rev. J. M. Hamilton, on "The Forth Bridge;" chairman, Mr. Alderman S. Newman. March 14th, by Dr. A. Wilson, on "Curiosities of Brain Action;" chairman, the Mayor. The lectures were listened to with the greatest interest by large and appreciative audiences.

The citizens have had the advantage of a second series of entertaining and instructive Lectures, gratuitously given by local gentlemen, who kindly volunteered their services in aid of the educational objects of the Committee. This series was delivered in Blackfriar's Hall, and was as follows:—April 14th, 1891, by Mr. H. F. Euren, on "Our Fens and Marshes, a Bit of Local History;" chairman, Mr. M. P. Squirrell. February 24th, 1892, by Mr. M. P. Squirrell, on "The Orkney and Shetland Islands;" chairman, Mr. Alderman S. Newman. March 23rd, by Mr. C. Stacy-Watson, on "The Herring;" chairman, Mr. T. Southwell. These lectures were also attended by attentive audiences; and to the lecturers the Committee tender their warmest thanks for the services so well and kindly rendered.

The efforts of the Local Committee for the Cambridge University Extension Scheme have, as in former years, been supplemented by providing the necessary text-books and setting apart a room for their use. Fortnightly Lectures are now being given therein to the Norwich Students' Association on various scientific subjects, Mr. Alderman F. W. Harmer delivering some on Geology. A Home Reading Union Circle also meets in this room.

The Shakespearian Library, commenced by the legacy of the late Mr. Alderman J. Freeman, has received several important and valuable additions during the past year, amongst which is a set of six volumes of "Plays" from the corrected text of Johnson and Steevens, presented by Mr. Alderman S. Newman.

The Sunday opening of the Reading-Rooms has been still appreciated, as evidenced by about the same number of visits (15,000) as shown in the last Report.

The Teachers in the Elementary Schools have (as during the former year) been supplied with books from the Juvenile Department—now numbering 3773 volumes, the issues for the year having been 58,944.

Although hitherto unsuccessful in their efforts to obtain some portion of the Exchequer Grant, the Committee still indulge a hope that the Council will not be unmindful of their requirements, and of the increased usefulness which such consideration would impart to this institution.

As usual the worn-out and discarded books have been sent to the City Asylum, and some of the illustrated periodicals to the children's wards in the Workhouse.

The order observed in the Reading-Rooms and Lending Department is admirable and all that can be desired, and is a strong and long-standing testimony to the attention, vigilance, and great care of our excellent Librarian and his assistants.

This Report would not be complete without referring to the sudden decease of Mr. H. Hayward, who for some ten years was Reading-room Attendant—in the discharge of his duties therein gaining the respect of its numerous visitors and giving much satisfaction to the Committee.

On various pages from 8 to 18 may be found detailed particulars about the borrowers (age, sex, and occupation, with the wards in which they resided), borrowers' cards, issues of books for 1891-2 and preceding years from 1878, the Juvenile Department, selections of books, &c., and a list of donors—but

the following compressed statistics will assist in more readily comprehending the position and working of the Library during the year 1891-2 :—

LENDING DEPARTMENT—

Stock, 14208 volumes; being in—			
Art, Science, and Political Economy ..	1567	increase	118
Biography and Correspondence ..	1325	,,	58
Poetry and Drama	566	,,	15
Fiction	4291	,,	199
History and Travel	2004	,,	124
Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellaneous	3619	,,	147
Law and Theology	553	,,	51
Natural History	283	,,	10
Totals	14208	,,	722
,, last year	13486	,,	880
Days opened	234	last year	235
Borrowers' Cards issued (incl. duplicates) ..	4100	,,	4100
Actual number of borrowers	3943	,,	3874
New borrowers	1063	,,	953
Average issues to each borrower ..	24	,,	23
Issues, 92783 (98577 volumes); being in—			
Art, Science, and Political Economy ..	2772	increase	35
Biography and Correspondence ..	1607	,,	37
Poetry and Drama	871	decrease	16
Fiction	71593	increase	2497
History and Travel	4045	,,	822
Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellaneous	10480	decrease	1540
Law and Theology	473	,,	63
Natural History	942	increase	28
Totals	92783	,,	1800
,, last year	90983	,,	2131
Average daily issues	397	last year	387
Issues in 1878, 26308—averaging 99 daily.			
Fines for overdue books	£60/5/7	,,	£65/1/7
Catalogues sold	£10/19/9	,,	£6/12/6
Books replaced	213	,,	209
Books sent to Binders (including Juvenile Department)	2506	,,	2586

LENDING DEPARTMENT, (*Continued* —

Juvenile Department—

Stock, volumes	3773	last year	3869
Scholars eligible in 38 Schools (estimated)	3573	,,	3518
Books sent to Schools	3650	,,	3640
Months books issued	10	,,	10
Issues	58944	,,	56491
Total Lending Stock, volumes	17981	,,	17355
,, Issues (Library and Schools), volumes	157521	,,	154741

PRESENT STOCK—

Books—

Lending Department	14208	increase	722
Juvenile ,, ...	3773	decrease	96
Reference ,, ...	6840	increase	550
Ditto (Local Collection)	2076	,,	255
Totals	26897	,,	1431
,, last year	25466	,,	2507

Pamphlets—

Reference Department	1553	,,	452
Ditto (Local Collection)	2787	,,	422
Totals	4340	,,	874
,, last year	3466	,,	773

Stock in December, 1877, about 3500 books.

PERCENTAGES (excluding Juvenile Department)—

Lending Stock (14208 volumes) ..	14·07	per cent. of	population.
Issues (92783)	91·90	,,	,,
Actual Borrowers (3943)	3·91	,,	,,
Total Stock (23124 volumes)	22·90	,,	,,

The Lending Department is open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., except Sundays, Thursdays, Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Bank Holidays; and the Reading-Rooms for Men and Women (on the first floor) are open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., except Sundays (when it is from 3 to 9 p.m.), Christmas Day, and Good Friday.

Wards wherein Borrowers Resided.

	Population 1891.	New Borrowers in 1891-2.	Borrowers since Dec. 1st, 1877.
First Ward	5960	63	1074
Second Ward	3389	52	951
Third Ward	33656	458	5361
Fourth Ward	1904	22	346
Fifth Ward	7192	53	1457
Sixth Ward	16454	143	1480
Seventh Ward	23502	189	1889
Eighth Ward	8907	83	1375
Totals	100964	1063	13933

Ages of Borrowers.

	New Borrowers in 1891-2.	Borrowers since Dec. 1st, 1877.
Above 14 and under 20	524	6755
,, 20 ,, 25	148	1856
,, 25 ,, 30	101	1282
,, 30 ,, 35	59	895
,, 35 ,, 40	53	665
,, 40 ,, 45	32	490
,, 45 ,, 50	31	320
,, 50 ,, 55	19	266
,, 55 ,, 60	8	157
,, 60	30	331
Not stated	58	916
Totals	1063	13933

In 1877-8 (thirteen months) 1545 Cards (260 to females and 1285 to males) were issued to Borrowers. 1879—1782 Cards were issued, 802 (201 and 601) being to New Borrowers; total from December 1st, 1877, 2347. 1880—the numbers were 2000, 770 (202 and 568), and 3117 respectively. 1881—2000, 683 (193 and 490), and 3800. 1882—2200, 780 (226 and 554), and 4580. 1883—2500, 934 (284 and 650), and 5514. 1884—2850, 952 (343 and 609), and 6466. 1885—3250, 1034 (414 and 620), and 7500. 1886-7—3739, 1319 (541 and 778), and 8819. 1887-8—3900, 1020 (425 and 595), and 9839. 1888-9—3820, 1020 (450 and 570), and 10,859. 1889-90—4060, 1058 (510 and 548), and 11,917. 1890-91—4100, 953 (431 and 522), and 12,870. 1891-2—4100, 1063 (439 and 624), and 13,933—being 4919 female and 9014 male Borrowers.

Occupations of New Borrowers.

Accountants	4
Agents	5
Apprentices	6
Architects and Surveyors	5
Assistants	17
Bakers and Confectioners ..	14
Blacksmiths and Tinkers ..	6
Bookbinders	9
Book-keepers and Cashiers	4
Boot and Shoemakers ..	19
Boxmakers	2
Bricklayers	2
Brushmakers	6
Builders and Carpenters ..	7
Butchers	5
Cabinet-makers	4
Carters	2
Chemists	4
Clergymen and Ministers ..	7
Clerks	71
Clickers	14
Clothiers	2
Cutters	5
Domestic Servants and Pages	16
Drapers	16
Dressmakers and Milliners	34
Engine Cleaners	2
Engineers	7
Errand and Office Boys ..	25
Factory Hands	2
Finishers	5
Fitters	14
Folders	6
Gardeners	6
Grocers and Greengrocers..	12
Hairdressers	4
Hosiers	3
Housekeepers	8
Carried forward ..	380

Brought forward ..	380
Housewives	5
Independent	7
Ironmongers	5
Joiners	5
Journalists and Readers ..	4
Labourers	17
Laundresses	2
Lithographers	3
Machinists and Needlewomen	16
Managers	3
News Sellers	2
Nurses	6
Organ Builders	2
Packers and Porters ..	14
Painters	6
Photographers	2
Police Officers	2
Printers	38
Publicans	4
Salesmen and Storekeepers	4
Scalemakers	2
Scholars and Students ..	50
School Masters, Mistresses, and Teachers	57
Signalmen	3
Stonemasons	4
Tailors and Tailoresses ..	28
Telegraphic Employés ..	8
Tinmen	3
Travellers	8
Trimmers	3
Upholsterers	4
Warehousemen	14
Watchmakers	4
Weavers	3
Miscellaneous	60
Not stated	285
Total	1063

Classified Register of Issues of Books for 1891-2.

Months. 1891-2.	Days Open.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corspondnce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellanus.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Monthly Issues.	Average Daily Issues.
March (aft. 25th)	2	6	4	1	240	14	36	0	2	303	151
April	21	272	143	72	5631	292	998	51	76	7535	359
May	21	255	151	92	6414	302	1026	56	109	8405	400
June	22	243	131	61	6057	220	901	46	92	7751	352
July	22	202	134	69	6171	239	811	44	68	7738	352
August	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
September ..	22	261	156	67	6665	271	832	35	54	8341	379
October	22	295	134	78	7024	308	917	43	87	8886	404
November.. ..	21	273	129	92	6823	278	907	29	88	8619	410
December.. ..	20	253	134	87	6287	342	956	39	103	8201	410
January	22	266	189	91	7137	750	1135	41	93	9702	441
February	21	233	158	25	7108	589	1064	48	82	9377	447
March (to 25th)	18	213	144	66	6036	440	897	41	88	7925	440
Totals	234	2772	1607	871	71593	4045	10480	473	942	92783	397
Percentages '91-2		2 99	1·73	0·94	77·16	4·36	11·29	0·51	1·02		
Percentages' 90-91		3·01	1·73	0·98	75·94	3·54	13·21	0·59	1·00		

Classified Register of Issues of Books from 1878 to 1891-2.

Years.	Days Open.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corspondnce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellanus.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Yearly Issues.	Average Daily Issues.
1878	267	978	1132	595	18485	1814	2779	270	255	26308	99
1879	291	843	964	353	21300	1828	3443	560	911	30202	104
1880	290	1141	1697	639	19733	3030	5119	339	336	32034	110
1881	231	907	1903	501	18881	2749	7323	295	277	32836	142
1882	196	921	1311	318	19318	2577	5736	211	500	30892	158
1883	244	1437	1148	566	32586	3033	9512	202	422	48906	200
1884	242	1547	1315	550	41233	3217	9396	192	356	57806	239
1885	238	1751	1742	552	47326	2891	10755	282	704	66003	277
1886	239	1779	1734	510	55318	3433	11251	317	774	75116	314
*1887	60	434	379	124	15042	687	3037	95	113	19911	332
1887-8	242	1713	1271	763	57440	2342	12728	293	700	77250	319
1888-9	233	2199	1170	809	60849	2465	12361	364	848	81065	348
1889-90	235	2639	1501	844	67297	3089	12199	455	828	88852	378
1890-91	235	2737	1570	887	69096	3223	12020	536	914	90983	387
1891-2	234	2772	1607	871	71593	4045	10480	473	942	92783	397
Totals	3477	23798	20444	8882	615497	40423	128139	4884	8880	850947	245
Perentg.		2·30	2·40	1·04	72·33	4·75	15·06	0·58	1·04		

* In 1887 the Library year commenced March 26th instead of January 1st. For comparing yearly issues those for 1886 and the first three months of 1887 are given as above; and on page 12, for comparing monthly issues, those for March (after 25th), 1887 to 1891, are added to those for March (to 25th), 1888 to 1892, respectively.

In the last Twenty Years of this Library there have
1,000 books were added to the stock of that year —
24,000 books "

Monthly Issues of Books from 1878 to 1891-2.

Years.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Yearly Totals.
1878	2092	2245	2576	2384	2455	2172	2374	2173	613	2438	2620	2166	26308
1879	2791	2649	3094	2688	2542	2162	2714	1109	2033	2862	2708	2850	30202
1880	2936	2840	2586	3105	3012	2864	2835	1217	1686	3113	3168	2672	32034
1881	2517	2842	3180	3162	2878	2736	2873	527	2442	3300	3319	3060	32836
1882	2818	3410	3709	3489	3568	3425	3596	1301	closed ten	weeks extra	2180	3396	30892
1883	4197	3895	4703	4324	4332	4069	4034	1461	3973	4870	4720	4328	48906
1884	4040	5049	5640	5119	5399	4666	4806	1620	5148	5378	5558	5383	57806
1885	5607	5520	6190	5393	5775	5484	5515	1940	5710	6799	6200	5870	66003
1886	6826	6683	7913	6696	6891	6226	6011	1880	5870	6919	6988	6213	75116
*1887	7198	6652	6061	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19911
	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oc	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	
1887-8	6429	6565	6145	6256	2080	6400	7098	7259	6931	7325	7207	7555	77250
1888-9	7273	6903	6718	6682	..	6737	7374	7435	7461	7880	7746	8856	81065
1889-90	7895	7636	7061	7718	..	7506	8242	8729	7725	8990	8445	8905	88852
1890-91	8330	8168	7649	7994	..	8236	8349	8212	7839	9106	8252	8848	90983
1891-2	7535	8405	7751	7738	..	8341	8886	8619	8201	9702	9377	8228	92783
Totals	73822	74529	69128	71146	15308	64695	75628	77715	74095	84025	82812	88044	850947
Perentg.	8·68	8·76	8·12	8·36	1·80	7·60	8·89	9·13	8·71	9·88	9·73	10·34	

* See note on page 11.

Issues of Books in Elementary Schools for 1891-2.

Boys' and Mixed Schools. Scholars in Standard IV. and upwards.	Scholars Estmtd.	Books Sent.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total Issues.	Times Books Issued.	Average per Time.
Bull Close Road ..	151	150	320	273	331	0	307	340	262	109	342	351	2635	30	88
Crook's Place ..	183	185	302	386	337	77	441	462	337	304	549	544	3739	36	104
Heigham Street ..	78	80	47	162	159	0	213	127	93	141	178	184	1304	35	37
Lakenham	80	80	89	82	69	27	134	150	168	71	138	131	1059	31	34
Model	200	200	441	438	494	0	582	538	346	399	592	592	4422	30	148
Nelson Street ..	228	230	485	567	422	0	757	493	359	376	542	463	4464	33	135
Old Meeting ..	51	50	121	115	126	25	98	113	47	41	76	45	807	33	25
Quay Side	76	75	107	51	130	0	116	197	188	111	93	78	1070	30	21
*St. Augustine's Junior	40	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	81	111	106	298	11	27
,, Senior	290	290	318	570	227	131	697	616	346	209	504	595	4213	30	141
St. Peter Mancroft..	72	70	115	110	82	0	91	81	77	52	73	74	755	18	42
St. Philip .. .	79	80	166	133	149	40	212	147	74	52	88	120	1181	32	37
St. Stephen ..	56	55	72	74	50	16	138	156	102	78	133	133	952	33	29
Surrey Road ..	100	100	142	83	168	0	230	208	113	113	101	45	1203	30	40
Thorpe Hamlet ..	108	110	191	186	194	50	273	242	0	213	294	261	1934	32	60
Boys' Schools	1792	1805	2916	3230	2938	366	4289	3870	2512	2380	3814	3724	30036	444	68
Earlham	12	45	27	14	23	0	37	36	36	24	28	28	253	33	8
Eaton	32	45	60	54	52	0	92	71	32	41	59	66	527	31	17
Philadelphia ..	42	45	73	63	77	22	65	98	42	60	79	92	671	30	23
Roman Catholic ..	65	65	103	178	155	0	163	212	116	99	158	182	1366	38	36
St. Martin-at-Palace	24	45	65	55	69	15	65	73	58	37	51	101	589	36	17
†St. Peter per Mountergate	50	50	155	90	104	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	349	11	32
St. Stephen ..	45	45	110	51	110	0	126	100	51	70	80	134	832	32	26
Mixed Schools	270	340	593	505	590	37	548	590	335	331	455	603	4587	211	22

* St. Augustine's Junior School did not need books till January.

† This School declined having books after July.

Issues of Books in Elementary Schools for 1891-2—(Continued).

Girls' Schools. Scholars in Standard IV. and upwards.	Scholars Estmtd.	Books Sent.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total Issues.	Times Books Issued.	Average per Time.
*Bull Close Road ..	105	100	..	..	..	..	82	138	37	42	89	166	554	15	37
Crook's Place ..	180	180	383	284	474	93	255	638	212	277	468	430	3514	34	104
Heigham Street ..	90	90	163	175	284	64	299	255	126	165	230	248	2009	32	63
Horn's Lane ..	78	75	178	217	187	47	61	274	216	187	272	284	1923	31	62
Lakenham	70	70	78	69	95	43	165	96	69	130	124	144	1013	33	31
Model	132	130	46	144	211	0	294	135	42	54	365	357	1648	26	64
Nelson Street ..	162	160	338	447	434	108	603	399	323	356	252	393	3653	34	108
Octagon	80	75	131	116	152	43	239	153	107	82	123	137	1283	34	38
Orphan's Home ..	14	45	40	53	41	20	40	50	31	29	24	23	351	41	9
Quay Side	53	50	43	64	74	0	142	82	32	21	70	99	627	26	24
St. Augustine ..	180	175	151	81	116	22	162	352	184	169	165	212	1614	30	54
St. Bartholomew ..	68	70	108	138	120	0	98	56	96	63	88	95	862	31	28
St. Giles	64	60	104	52	58	0	259	163	71	66	80	188	1041	32	33
St. Miles	59	55	49	77	60	0	122	82	81	46	78	76	671	28	24
St. Paul	82	80	115	95	92	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	302	8	38
St. Philip	68	70	102	117	143	46	153	96	112	87	104	106	1066	21	51
Surrey Road ..	73	70	140	118	120	0	151	162	64	31	153	147	1086	28	39
Thorpe Hamlet ..	85	80	99	91	118	23	205	151	92	111	64	150	1104	31	36
Girls' Schools	1643	1635	2268	2338	2779	509	3330	3282	1895	1916	2749	3255	24321	515	47
Boys' ,,	1792	1805	2916	3230	2938	366	4289	3870	2512	2380	3814	3724	30036	444	68
†Mixed ,,	270	340	593	505	590	37	548	590	335	331	455	603	4587	211	22
Totals	3705	3780	5777	6073	6307	912	8167	7742	4742	4627	7018	7582	58944	1170	51

* Opened in October, 1891, the Senior Girls from St. Paul's School being transferred thither.

† Some of these Schools, being small, had a larger proportion of Books to give each Scholar a change throughout the year.

A Selection from the Additions to the Library during 1891-2.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Ackland's Story of Creation as Told by Theology and Science. Ball's Astronomy, Star-Land, and Cause of an Ice Age. Balzani's The Popes and the Hohenstaufen. Battye's What is Vital Force? Blavatsky's Key to Theosophy. Boat Building and Sailing. Conant's English Bible, History of Its Translation. Cooper's Flagellation and the Flagellants, History of the Rod. Dalton's Himalayan Journals. Dixon's Birds of Our Rambles. Dowie's Girl in the Carpathians. Dufferin's Letters from High Latitudes. Euren's Hours in a Public Library. Evelyn's Rational Account of the True Religion. Fabian Essays in Socialism. Farrar's Science in Theology. Friswell's Varia: Readings from Rare Books. Frith's Autobiography and Reminiscences. Garrett's Life of Ralph W. Emerson. Gilks's Art of Wood Engraving. Gleig's Memoirs of the Life of Warren Hastings. Gore's Incarnation of the Son of God. Gould's 100 Sermon Sketches. Grace's Cricket. Hampden's Scholastic Philosophy Considered in Its Relation to Christian Theology. Haweis's (Mrs.) Art of Dress. Hengstenberg's Commentaries on Ecclesiastes and the Psalms. Hill's Crime: Its Amount, Causes, and Remedies. Hore's History of the Church of England. Hunt's Concise History of Music. Hutchinson's Autobiography of the Earth, Geological History. Jefferies's Story of My Heart, and Red Deer. Jones's Browning as a Philosophical and Religious Teacher. Laing's Modern Science and Modern Thought. Lamartine's History of the French Revolution of 1848. Lang's Books and Bookmen, and Letters to Dead Authors. Latouche's Country House Essays. Library of Anecdote and Information. Liddon's Sermons. Lucy's Faces and Places. Mallock's Is Life Worth Living? Michaelis's Sequel to Looking Backward, or Looking Further Forward. Miller's Landscape Geology. Morley's Memoirs of Bartholomew Fair. Notable Shipwrecks. Picton's Biography of Sir J. A. Picton. Remsen's Introduction to the Study of Chemistry. Ricks's Object Lessons and How to Give Them. Sainte-Beuve's Essays on Men and Women. Scherer's Essays on English Literature. Sewel's History of the Quakers. Simnett's Esoteric Buddhism, and Purpose of Theosophy. Sinker's Memorials of J. K. Falconer. Spencer's Education: Intellectual, Moral, and Physical. Stokes's Natural Theology. Sumner's Practical Exposition of the Gospels. Universal History, Ancient and Modern Parts. Valentine's Butter Making. Walker's Reincarnation. Whitman's Imperial Germany. Wilkinson's Pensions and Pauperism. Wilson's Glimpses of Nature. Wordsworth's Social Life at the English Universities in the 18th Century. Young's Winter Tour in South Africa.

The following series of works have been added to:—Carisbrooke Library, Contemporary Science, County and Diocesan Histories, English Men of Action, Gentleman's Magazine Library, Illustrated Biographies of Great Artists, Minerva Library, Modern Science, Queen's Prime Ministers, Romance of Science, Social Questions of To-day, Social Science, Story of the Nations, and Twelve English Statesmen; and also the leading current Magazines to date. Works of Fiction by the

following authors have been purchased :—Barrie, Browne ("Rolf Boldrewood"), Caine, Couch ("Q"), Doyle, Hawker ("Lanoe Falconer"), Kipling, and Pain.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Acland's Guide to the Choice of Books. Barrington's Genealogy Simplified. Beatson's Political Index to the Histories of Great Britain and Ireland. Berdoe's Browning Cyclopædia. Birch's Popular Account of Domesday Book. Blair's Chronological and Historical Tables. British Association Reports—Leeds, 1890; Cardiff, 1891. Brunet's Nouvelles Recherches Bibliographiques, Supplement. Census of England and Wales, 1891—Preliminary Report and Tables. Clegg's Directory of Second-hand Booksellers, Libraries, &c. Comte's General View of Positivism. Cosmographic Atlas of Geography and Astronomy. Customs and Ceremonies of the University of Cambridge. Cuvier's Recherches sur les Ossemens Fossiles, et Atlas. Drawing-Room Portrait Gallery of Eminent Personages, with Memoirs. Enquiry into the Prices of Provisions, Land, Cattle, &c., 1000-1765. Giles's Heathen Records to the Jewish Scripture History. Gleanings from Pious Authors. Hoyle's Crime in England and Wales in the 19th Century. Illustrated Commentary of the Old and New Testaments. Kempe's Manuscripts and other Rare Documents, Illustrative of English History. Kemp's Manual of Yacht and Boat Sailing. Kirk's Supplement to Allibone's Dictionary of Literature and Authors. Leland's Wood Carving. Malthus's Essay on the Principle of Population. Massey's Origin and Progress of Letters. Owen's History of British Fossil Mammals and Birds. Parliamentary Papers, Reports, and Returns on Agriculture, Births, Deaths, and Marriages; Brewers, Education, Friendly, Industrial, and Provident Societies; Gas, Local Government Board, Market Rights and Tolls, Public Worship, Railways, Science and Art, Statistics, Strikes, Trade and Navigation, Trade Hours, Trade Unions, Tramways, and Wages. Pettigrew's Bibliotheca Sussexiana. Platt's Manners and Customs of All Nations. Rae's Business of Travel. Ramage's Beautiful Thoughts from Greek and Latin Authors. Reade's Martyrdom of Man. Renoir's Monograms and Ciphers. Russell's Book of Authors. Sewel's English and Dutch Dictionary. Shakespeare's Plays, from the Corrected Text of Johnson and Steevens; Plays, from copy left by Steevens; Plays and Poems, with Life of the Poet and History of the Stage, by Malone. Sims's Index to Pedigrees and Arms. Symons's British Rainfall. Victorian Patents and Patentees. Ware's Famous Centenarians, Record of 200. Watkin's Roman Cheshire. Wilkinson's Egyptians in the Time of the Pharaohs. Wood Carving, Original Designs and Practical Instructions. Wright's Pleasantries from the "Blue Box." Yacht Register (Lloyd's).

Works in parts or volumes as published have here, too, been added —such as Board of Trade Journal, Book-Lover's Library, Dictionary of National Biography, Early English Text, Palæontographical, and Wyclif Societies' Publications; Gentleman's Magazine Library, Historical Manuscripts Commission's Reports, and New English Dictionary: also Proceedings and Reports of the Egypt and Palestine Exploration Funds, Royal Colonial Institute, Royal Geographical Society, and Smithsonian Institution (America). The following are periodically bound :—Daylight, Eastern Daily Press, Norfolk Daily Standard, Times

(daily edition, and Index thereto purchased as published), the leading Illustrated Magazines and Newspapers, and Literary, Professional, and Religious Journals.

The Trustees of the British Museum have kindly forwarded Catalogues of Birds, vol. 19, Picariæ: Fossil Birds; Fossil Cephalonia, part 2, Nautiloidea; Fossil Fishes, part 2; and of the Printed Books, 21 parts: also the Subject-Index of the Modern Works added in 1885-90, and the Systematic List of the Edwards Collection of British Oligocene and Eocene Mollusca.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Armiger's Sportsman's Vocal Cabinet. Ash's Christian Profession of the Society of Friends. Badham's Treatise on the Esculent Funguses of England. Bathurst's Memoirs. Beloe's Series of Photo-Lithographs of Monumental Brasses in Norfolk. Benger's (Miss) Memoirs of the Life of Anne Boleyn. Brightwell's (Miss) Home in the Land of Snows. Carthew's Town We Live In (East Dereham). Collinges's Discourses Concerning the Actual Providence of God (1678). Crabbe's Materials for a History of Thompson, with Plans of the Church. Creeny's Illustrations of Incised Slabs on the Continent of Europe. Enfield's Scientific Amusements in Philosophy and Mathematics. Farren's Cathedral Cities. Goulburn's Farewell Counsels of a Pastor. Govett's Revelation of St. John Literal and Future. Goyder's Sermons to My Household. Gunn's Memorials, with Account of Cromer Forest Bed. Hancock's Feast of Tabernacles. Hill's History of Upton. Hinds's Sonnets and other Short Poems. Hobson's Christian Schoolmaster. Horne's Balaam's Wish (1667). Hudson's Wards of Norwich. Hupton's Truth as It is in Jesus. Jay's First Parish Register of St. George of Tombland, 1538-1707. Martineau's Rationale of Religious Inquiry. Norwich Mercury (1757-60, 1771-82, 1814-15, 1821-40). Pycroft's Agony Point, or the Groans of "Gentility." Rye's Monumental Inscriptions in the Hundred of Tunstead. Sidney's Philosophy of Food and Nutrition in Plants and Animals. Slipper's Paulinus, or the Conversion of Northumbria. Spelman's Churches Not to be Violated (1676). Stannard's Etchings. Sworde's Apostolical Sketches. Thew's Personal Recollections. Thompson's 1000 Questions on the Old Testament. Turner and Dillwyn's Botanist's Guide. Turner's Sepulchral Reminiscences. Valpy's Primitives and Leading Words of the Greek Language. Walpole's Memoirs (1678-1757). Whaley's Collection of Poems (1732). Whiston's New Theory of the Earth (1696). Windham's Speeches in Parliament.

There have also been added as published, by presentation, or as special opportunities to purchase arose—East Anglian Notes and Queries, May Blossoms, Norvicensian, and Norwich Union Magazine; and Engravings, Etchings, Maps, Old Newspapers, Ordnance Survey Sheets (Norfolk and Norwich), Pamphlets, Plans, Portraits, &c., of a specially local nature.

Annual Reports from the following similar Libraries have been received, the figures where given denoting the number of the Report and apparent age of the Library:—Aberdeen 7, Barrow-in-Furness 8, Battersea 4, Belfast 3, Birkenhead 35, Birmingham 29, Blackburn,

Blackpool 10, Bradford 21, Brighton, Buxton 1, Camberwell and Lambeth (Minet) 1, Cambridge 36, Cardiff 29, Chester 13, Clitheroe 13, Derby 20, Halifax (1890 and 1891), Handsworth 11, Hanley 4, Kensington 3, Lambeth (1887-91), Leamington Spa, Leeds 21, Leek 6, Leicester 20, Liverpool 38, Manchester 39, Plymouth 14, Portsmouth 7, Preston 12 and 13, Richmond 10, Salford 43, Sheffield 35, Smethwick, Southport 16, St. Helen's 14, St. Martin-in-the-Fields (1887-91), Swansea 17, Sydney 20, Twickenham 9, Walsall 32, West Bromwich 17, Westminster 34, Widnes 4, Wigan 13, Wimbledon 4, Wolverhampton 22, and Yarmouth 5. Also the following Reports for 1890:—Birmingham Library, New York Maimonides Library, and Oxford Bodleian Library.

List of Donors in 1891-2.

To one or other of the Departments Books, &c., have been presented by Dr. Bensly, Mr. W. F. Blake, Lord Brassey, Mr. T. S. Breese, the British Association, Mr. T. B. Browne, Mr. G. F. Buxton, Mr. S. G. Buxton, the Cobden Club, Mr. J. J. Colman, the Committees of the Libraries referred to on page 17, Mr. R. A. Cooper, Mr. H. F. Euren, the Financial Reform Association, Mr. J. H. Gurney, Rev. Canon H. Howell, the Institution of Civil Engineers, the Irish Loyal and Patriotic Union, Mr. J. S. C. Morris, Mr. S. Newman, Messrs. Perry & Co., the Premier of Victoria, the Registrars of Dublin University, Durham University, and University Correspondence College; the Royal Colonial Institute, Mr. A. E. Rump, the Salisbury Fund Committee, the Secretary of State for India, Mr. H. Sell, Mr. F. G. Shields, Rev. W. E. Smith, Mr. A. Somerville, Mr. T. Southwell, Mr. J. Spilling, Miss Spurgeon, the Trustees of the British Museum as on page 17, Mr. C. Williams, Sir F. Young, and anonymously per Messrs. Jones & Evans; also the Magazines, Newspapers, and Periodicals marked † on pages 19 to 21 by Mr. J. Allen, Sir H. Bullard, other Friends, and various Proprietors thereof.

*The following Magazines, Reviews, Newspapers, Directories, &c., are placed in the Reading-Rooms. Those marked * are placed in the Women's Reading-Room, and those marked † are presented.*

ANNUALLY.

Cambridge University Calendar
Church of England Year-Book
College of Preceptors Calendar
Congregational Year-Book
†County Council Year-Book
Crockford's Clerical Directory
†Dublin University Calendar
†Durham University Calendar
†East Anglian Handbook
†Foresters' Directory
Hazell's Annual
London University Calendar
Oxford University Calendar
†Political World Year-Book
School Calendar
Statesman's Year-Book
Times Annual
†Trinity College, London, Calendar
†Univ. Correspond. College Calendar
Year-Book of Science

QUARTERLY.

Edinburgh Review
Navy List
Quarterly Review

MONTHLY.

†Agricultural Economist
All the Year Round
*†Animal World (1 in Men's)
*Argosy (1 in Men's)
Army List
*Art Journal
*Atalanta
Atlantic Monthly
Belgravia
Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine
Board of Trade Journal
†Building Society's Gazette
†Canadian Patent Office Record
*Cassell's Family Mag. (1 in Men's)
*Century Illustrated
*Chambers's Journal (1 in Men's)
†Child's Guardian
*†Concord (1 in Men's)
Contemporary Review
Cornhill Magazine
†Cottager and Artizan
†Educational Times
*English Illustrated Magazine
*†Englishwoman's Review
*†Financial Reformer (1 in Men's)

MONTHLY—(*continued*).

†Fire and Water
Fortnightly Review
*†Free Life (1 in Men's)
†Free Russia
Gentleman's Magazine
*Girl's Own Paper
*†Glad Tidings (1 in Men's)
Good Words
Greater Britain
*Harper's Magazine
*Household Words
Idler
†Imperial Federation
†Insurance and Banking Review
†Jewish Intelligence
†Journal of Professional Musicians
*Ladies' Gazette of Fashion
*Ladies' Treasury
Land and Water
Leisure Hour
†Liberal Unionist
London Society
Longman's Magazine
Macmillan's Magazine
†Manufacturer and Inventor
†Miller, Technical Issue
†Musical Herald, Tonic Sol-Fa Rep.
†Musical Times
National Review
†New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century
†Our Own Gazette
†Our Work at Home and Abroad
†Personal Rights Journal
†Phillips's Machinery Register
†Plumber and Decorator
†Popular Medical Monthly
†Practical Photographer
Quiver
Review of Reviews
†Royal University Coach
Science Gossip
*Scribner's Magazine
†Song and Speech
Strand Magazine
*Sunday at Home
*Sylvia's Home Journal
Temple Bar
†Tract Magazine
†University Correspondent
†Vaccination Inquirer

MONTHLY—(*continued*).

†Vegetarian Messenger
†Western World
Westminster Review
Zoologist
†Zoophilist

FORTNIGHTLY.

†Brewers' Guardian
†Present Truth

TRI-WEEKLY.

Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart

BI-WEEKLY.

*†Norwich Argus (1 in Men's), 1 giv.
*†Norwich Mercury (1 in Men's), 1 giv.

WEEKLY.

Army and Navy Gazette
Athenæum
Australasian
†Boot and Shoe Trades Journal
Boy's Own Paper
Builder
Building News
†Bullionist
†Cambridge Independent
†Canadian Gazette
Cassell's Saturday Journal
†Catholic Times
†Christian Life and Unitarian Her.
*†Christian World (2 in Men's), 1 giv.
*Christian World, Family Circle Ed.
*†Church Times
Civil Service Aspirant
*†Civil Service Competitor
†Civil Service Gazette
†Colliery Guardian
†Colonies and India, and American Visitor
*†Co-operative News (1 in Men's)
†Cromer and North Walsham Post
*†Daylight (2 in Men's)
Detroit Free Press
†Drapers' Record
*†Eastern Weekly Press
†Electrician
Engineer
Engineering
England
English Mechanic
*†Enquire Within
Era
*Family Herald, and Supplement
Field
*Fun
Gardeners' Magazine
†Gardening World
*Graphic (1 in Men's)

WEEKLY—(*continued*).

*Guardian
*Illus. London News (1 in Men's)
Illus. Official Journal (Patents)
†Invention
†Ipswich Journal
†Iron
†Journal of Society of Arts
Judy
*Lady's Pictorial
Land and Water
†Literary World
†Lowestoft Journal
†Lowestoft Standard
†Lynn Advertiser
†Lynn News and County Press
Mechanical World
†Metropolitan
†Midland Counties' Herald
†Money
†Montreal Witness
Nature
Newcastle Chronicle
*†Norfolk Chronicle (1 in Men's), 1 given
*†Norfolk News (1 in Men's) 1 given
†Norfolk Weekly Standard
Notes and Queries
*†Our Weekly
Pall Mall Budget
*†People's Weekly Journal
Phonetic Journal
Public Opinion
*Punch (1 in Men's)
*Queen
*†Richmond and Twickenham Times
*†Rural World (2 in Men's)
Saturday Review
†School Board Chronicle
*School Guardian
Schoolmaster
*Schoolmistress
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List
Shorthand Weekly News
Speaker
Spectator
†Sydney Mail
†Tablet
†Tailor and Cutter
*†Temperance Chronicle (1 in Men's)
United Ireland
†Vegetarian
Volunteer Service Gazette
†Weekly Register
*†Worcester Herald
Work
†Yarmouth Independent
*Young Ladies' Journal

Daily Newspapers.

Chronicle (in Lobby)
East Anglian Daily Times (in Lobby)
*†Eastern Daily Press (2 in Men's) 1 given
†Eastern Evening News (1 also in Lobby) 1 given
Echo (in Lobby)
News
Norfolk Standard (in Lobby)
Pall Mall Gazette
St. James's Gazette
*Standard (1 in Men's)
Star (in Lobby)
*Telegraph (1 in Men's)
Times

Railway Time Tables.

Bradshaw, and Continental in season
†Cook's Excursionist
†Eastern and Midlands
†Great Eastern
†Great Eastern Continental
†Great Northern
†Great Western
†London and North Western
†London and South Western
†London, Brighton, & South Coast
†London, Chatham, and Dover
†Midland
†Norwich—Fletcher's and Jarrold's
†South Eastern

Kelly's Directories.

Beds, Hunts, and Northamptonshire
Berks, Bucks, and Oxon
Birmingham, Staffs, Warwickshire, and Worcestershire
Cambs, Norfolk, and Suffolk
Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Rutland, and Notts
Devonshire and Cornwall
Essex, Herts, and Middlesex
Kent, Surrey, and Sussex
Lancashire, Liverpool, and Manchester
Lincolnshire, with Hull and Neighbourhood
London
London Suburban
Somersetshire and Gloucestershire, with Bristol
Yorks (West Riding; and North and East Ridings, with York).

Acts of Parliament—Educational, Local, Social, &c.
Advertiser's A B C of Official Scales and Charges and Press Directory.
Almanacks—British, Financial Reform, Whitaker's, &c.
Bartlett's Familiar Quotations; and Southgate's Many Thoughts.
Brewer's Historic Note-Book, Phrase and Fable, and Reader's Handbook.
British, Colonial, and Foreign Steamship Guide.
Bryan's Dictionary of Painters and Engravers.
Chambers's (Ed. by E. Preston) and Dougal & Co.'s Indexes to Next-of-Kin
Civil Service Guides—A B C and Johnson's.
Cooley's Practical Receipts and Collateral Information.
Debrett's Peerage, Baronetage, and Knightage.
Dictionaries—Dutch, French, German, Greek, and Latin.
Eyre's Hotels of the United Kingdom.
Eyre's Norwich District Directory, and Jarrold's Norwich Directory.
Haydn's Dictionary of Dates, and Townsend's Manual of Dates.
Howard's Roads of England and Wales.
Kelly's Directory of Merchants, Manufacturers, and Shippers.
Kelly's Handbook to the Titled, Landed, and Official Classes.
King's Classical and Foreign Quotations, Translations and Indexes.
Lists of Deceased Seamen; and Reports of Explosion Inquiries.
Marshall's Genealogist's Guide; and Men and Women of the Time.
Patents for Inventions—Abridgments of Specifications.
Perry's Manufacturers' and Merchants' Directory and Mercantile Guide.
Sell's Dictionary of the World's Press and Advertisers' Reference Book.
Spencer's Things New and Old; and Cawdray's Treasury of Similes.

The Shipping Gazette and Time Tables are placed in the Lobby.

Financial Statement for the Year ending March 24th, 1892.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
To 1d. in the £ raised with the Borough Rate	1140	0	0
,, Rents	42	18	3
,, Sale of Borrowers' Cards	17	3	2
,, Sale of Catalogues	10	19	9
,, Post Cards and Waste	8	11	5
,, School of Art proportion of cost of Water	1	14	10
,, Telephone Company (Way Leave) ..	1	11	0
,, Balance due to Treasurer, March 24th, 1892	97	19	3
Total	£1320	17	8

PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Treasurer, March 24th, 1891	154	3	8
,, Salaries and Wages	475	4	4
,, Books	189	2	9
,, Newspapers and Periodicals	59	1	0
,, Bookbinding and Numbering	204	10	9
,, Printing and Stationery	38	15	4
,, Printing and Binding Catalogues ..	30	16	7
,, Insurance	2	7	3
,, Gas and Coals	17	13	11
,, Repairs to Buildings	31	2	8
,, Furniture and Repairs .. .	10	10	9
,, Electric Light	85	4	0
,, Sundries	22	4	8
Total	£1320	17	8

Amount received by the Librarian for Fines, £60 5s. 7d., Balance in hand per last Report, £5 19s. 9d., total £66 5s. 4d.: expended in the formation of a Collection of Local Books, &c., £53 7s. 5d.; Balance in hand, March 24th, 1892, £12 17s. 11d.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath, out of such part of my personal Estate as may by Law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Treasurer for the time being of the City of Norwich Corporation, the sum of

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Donations may be intimated to the Librarian, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

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TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,

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The Quarterly Meetings of the Committee will be held at the Library, at 4 p.m. on the following days :—

April 12th, July 12th, and October 11th, 1893; and January 10th, 1894.

The Sub-Committees meet when required, and are specially summoned.

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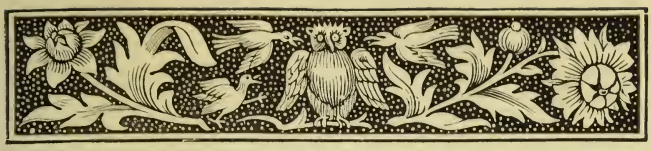

REPORT.

In presenting the Fifteenth Annual Report of the present Librarian, the Committee have nothing of a special character to bring to the notice of the Council. There has been a slight decrease in the number of borrowers, and in the number of books issued during the year—the daily average being 392 for every day the Library has been open, as compared with 397 per day last year.

At the end of the municipal year the Committee heard with regret that it was the wish of their respected and zealous Chairman, Mr. Alderman Newman, to retire from the Committee, on which he had served for twelve years, the last two as its Chairman. At the first meeting of the new Committee Mr. Councillor Thomas S. Breese was unanimously elected Chairman, Mr. Alderman White being re-elected Vice-Chairman, for the ensuing year.

The Lectures given under the auspices of the Corporation and the management of the Libraries Committee attracted as usual large and appreciative audiences to St. Andrew's Hall, and were as follow:—November 23rd, 1892, on "How Came the Great Ice Age," by Sir R. S. Ball; chairman, F. W. Harmer, Esq., J.P. January 12th, 1893, on "The Distribution of Animals, and What It Teaches," by Dr. A. Wilson; chairman, the Mayor (A. R. Chamberlin, Esq., J.P.). February 8th, on "Light and Colour from the Sun," by Dr. Drinkwater; chairman, the Mayor.

The Committee-Room, and the Text Books provided therein, have, as in former years, been freely used by the Norwich Students' Association and by two circles of the National Home Reading Union—the literature required by the former and others attending Mr. Kimmins's lectures being provided from the Cambridge Local Lectures Library, per Miss Day and the Norfolk County Council Technical Education Committee, and left in charge of the Librarian.

The Sunday opening of the Reading-Rooms continues to attract the usual number of readers, and the 15,000 visits paid afford good proof of appreciation of the facilities provided.

The Juvenile Department having proved a source of labour and cost much beyond what was anticipated, a Sub-Committee appointed to report on the subject recommended that the School Board should be asked to contribute to the expense of repair and renewal of books, and to urge upon their staff increased care and vigilance in the management of the Department. This expense the Board report they are unable legally to incur. Pending this decision the distribution of the books was suspended; but the Committee have now decided to continue the circulation for another twelve months.

The worn-out and discarded books have been sent as usual to the City Asylum and the Workhouse, and some of the illustrated periodicals to the children's wards in the latter.

The order observed in the Reading-Rooms and Lending Department is admirable and all that can be desired, and is a strong and long-standing testimony to the attention, vigilance, and great care of our excellent Librarian and his assistants.

On various pages from 7 to 15 may be found detailed particulars about the borrowers (age, sex, and occupation, with the wards in which they resided), borrowers' cards, issues of books for 1892-3 and preceding years from 1878, selections of

books, &c., and a list of donors—but the following compressed statistics will assist in more readily comprehending the position and working of the Library during the year 1892-3 :—

LENDING DEPARTMENT—

Stock, 14962 volumes; being in—

Art, Science, and Political Economy ...	1684	increase	117
Biography and Correspondence	1365	„	40
Poetry and Drama	597	„	31
Fiction	4582	„	291
History and Travel...	2081	„	77
Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellaneous...	3754	„	135
Law and Theology...	604	„	51
Natural History	295	„	12
Totals	14962	„	754
„ last year	14208	„	722

Days opened	233	last year	234
Borrowers' Cards issued (including duplicates)	4200	„	4100
Actual number of borrowers	4049	„	3943
New borrowers	1006	„	1063
Average issues to each borrower	23	„	24

Issues, 91622 (95458 volumes); being in—

Art, Science, and Political Economy ...	2700	decrease	72
Biography and Correspondence	1543	„	64
Poetry and Drama...	791	„	80
Fiction	71245	„	348
History and Travel	4430	increase	385
Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellaneous...	9536	decrease	944
Law and Theology	454	„	19
Natural History	923	„	19
Totals	91622	„	1161
„ last year	92783	increase	1800
Average daily issues	392	last year	397

Issues in 1878, 26308—averaging 99 daily.

Fines for overdue books	£60/19/10	„	£60/5/7
Catalogues sold	£13/0/1	„	£10/19/9
Books replaced	657	„	213
Books sent to Binders (including Juvenile Department)	2331	„	2506

LENDING DEPARTMENT—*(continued).*

Juvenile Department—

Stock, volumes	3885	last year	3773
Scholars eligible in 38 Schools (estimated)	3573	,,	3573
Books sent to Schools	3650	,,	3650
Months books issued	4	,,	10
Issues	19121	,,	58944
Total Lending Stock, volumes...	18847	,,	17981
,, Issues (Library and Schools), volumes	114579	,,	157521

PRESENT STOCK—

Books—

Lending Department	14962	increase	754
Ditto (Juvenile)	3885	,,	112
Reference Department	7463	,,	623
Ditto (Local Collection)	2379	,,	303
Totals	28689	,,	1792
,, last year	26897	,,	1431

Pamphlets—

Reference Department	1709	,,	156
Ditto (Local Collection)	3080	,,	293
Totals	4789	,,	449
,, last year	4340	,,	874

Stock in December, 1877, about 3500 books.

PERCENTAGES (excluding Juvenile Department)—

Lending Stock (14962 volumes)	14·82	per cent.	of population.
Issues (91622)	90·75	,,	,,
Actual Borrowers (4049)	4·01	,,	,,
Total Stock (24804 volumes)	24·57	,,	,,

The Lending Department is open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., except Sundays, Thursdays, Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Bank Holidays; and the Reading-Rooms for Men and Women (on the first floor) are open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., except Sundays (when it is from 3 to 9 p.m.), Christmas Day, and Good Friday.

Wards wherein Borrowers Resided.

	Population 1891.	New Borrowers in 1892-3.	Borrowers since Dec. 1st, 1877.
First Ward	5960	48	1122
Second Ward	3389	61	1012
Third Ward	33656	410	5771
Fourth Ward	1904	30	376
Fifth Ward	7192	73	1530
Sixth Ward	16454	133	1613
Seventh Ward	23502	190	2079
Eighth Ward	8907	61	1436
Totals	100964	1006	14939

Ages of Borrowers.

	New Borrowers in 1892-3.	Borrowers since Dec. 1st, 1877.
Above 14 and under 20	459	7214
„ 20 „ 25	121	1977
„ 25 „ 30	116	1398
„ 30 „ 35	62	957
„ 35 „ 40	60	725
„ 40 „ 45	32	522
„ 45 „ 50	24	344
„ 50 „ 55	21	287
„ 55 „ 60	11	168
„ 60 ...	27	358
Not stated ...	73	989
Totals	1006	14939

In 1877-8 (thirteen months) 1545 Cards (260 to females and 1285 to males) were issued to Borrowers. 1879—1782 Cards were issued, 802 (201 and 601) being to New Borrowers; total from December 1st, 1877, 2347. 1880—the numbers were 2000, 770 (202 and 568), and 3117 respectively. 1881—2000, 683 (193 and 490), and 3800. 1882—2200, 780 (226 and 554), and 4580. 1883—2500, 934 (284 and 650), and 5514. 1884—2850, 952 (343 and 609), and 6466. 1885—3250, 1034 (414 and 620), and 7500. 1886-7—3739, 1319, (541 and 778), and 8819. 1887-8—3900, 1020 (425 and 595), and 9839. 1888-9—3820, 1020 (450 and 570), and 10,859. 1889-90—4060, 1058 (510 and 548), and 11,917. 1890-91—4100, 953 (431 and 522), and 12,870. 1891-2—4100, 1063 (439 and 624), and 13,933. 1892-3—4200, 1006 (464 and 542), and 14,939—being 5383 female and 9556 male Borrowers.

Occupations of New Borrowers.

Accountants	4
Agents	5
Architects and Surveyors ...	5
Assistants	16
Bakers and Confectioners ...	9
Billiard Markers	2
Blacksmiths	2
Book-keepers and Cashier ...	3
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	23
Boxmakers	5
Bricklayers	2
Brushmakers...	7
Builders and Carpenters ...	9
Butchers	2
Butler, Coachman, &c. ...	6
Cabinet-makers	6
Carters	2
Chemists and Druggists ...	5
Clergymen and Ministers ...	4
Clerks	75
Clickers	14
Clothiers	3
Coach Painter and Trimmers	3
Curriers	2
Cutters	5
Dealers and Shopkeepers ...	5
Dentists	2
Doctors	2
Domestic Servants and Pages	22
Drapers	20
Draughtsmen	2
Dressmakers and Milliners ...	43
Electricians	3
Engineers	13
Errand and Office Boys ...	15
Carried forward	346

Brought forward	346
Finishers	12
Fitters	5
Gardeners	3
Grocers and Greengrocers ...	16
Havel-makers	2
Housekeepers...	8
Independent	3
Ironmongers	2
Joiners	3
Labourers	7
Machinists and Needlewomen	16
Managers	5
Messengers	2
Musicians and Tuner ...	4
Nurses...	9
Organ Builders	4
Packers and Porters	15
Painters and Plumbers ...	7
Photographers	3
Police-officers	2
Printers	32
Publicans	2
Scholars and Students ...	36
Schoolmasters, Mistresses, and Teachers ...	42
Seedsmen	2
Signalmen	2
Tailors and Tailcresses ...	48
Telegraphic Employés ...	4
Telephonists	2
Tobacconists	2
Warehousemen	12
Miscellaneous	49
Not stated	299
Total	1006

Classified Register of Issues of Books for 1892-3.

Months. 1892-3.	Days open.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corspondnce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellanus.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Monthly Issues.	Average Daily Issues.
March (aft. 25th)	4	9	6	4	462	22	59	3	7	572	143
April	20	234	110	79	6546	395	969	39	117	8489	424
May	22	207	117	79	6220	331	902	42	103	8001	364
June	20	180	108	62	5733	276	751	37	82	7229	361
July	22	201	145	64	6163	372	756	41	94	7836	356
August	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
September ...	21	239	103	55	6561	296	726	41	58	8079	385
October	22	286	175	73	6772	594	818	29	91	8838	402
November... ...	22	329	158	95	6701	580	890	31	88	8872	403
December... ...	20	280	149	70	6445	414	891	41	55	8345	416
January	22	256	174	78	7198	447	1075	63	98	9389	427
February	20	245	152	62	6787	382	886	47	72	8633	432
March (to 25th)	18	234	146	70	5657	321	813	40	58	7339	408
Totals	233	2700	1543	791	71245	4430	9536	454	923	91622	392
Percentages '92-3		2·95	1·68	0·86	77·76	4·84	10 41	0·49	1·01		
Percentages '91-2		2·99	1·73	0·94	77·16	4·36	11·29	0 51	1·02		

Classified Register of Issues of Books from 1878 to 1892-3.

Years.	Days open.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corspondnce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellanus.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Yearly Issues.	Average Daily Issues.
1878	267	978	1132	595	18485	1814	2779	270	255	26308	99
1879	291	843	964	353	21300	1828	3443	560	911	30202	104
1880	290	1141	1697	639	19733	3030	5119	339	336	32034	110
1881	231	907	1903	501	18881	2749	7323	295	277	32836	142
1882	196	921	1311	318	19318	2577	5736	211	500	30892	158
1883	244	1437	1148	566	32586	3033	9512	202	422	48906	200
1884	242	1547	1315	550	41233	3217	9396	192	356	57806	239
1885	238	1751	1742	552	47326	2891	10755	282	704	66003	277
1886	239	1779	1734	510	55318	3433	11251	317	774	75116	314
*1887	60	434	379	124	15042	687	3037	95	113	19911	332
1887–8	242	1713	1271	763	57440	2342	12728	293	700	77250	319
1888–9	233	2199	1170	809	60849	2465	12361	364	848	81065	348
1889–90	235	2639	1501	844	67297	3089	12199	455	828	88852	378
1890–91	235	2737	1570	887	69096	3223	12020	536	914	90983	387
1891–2	234	2772	1607	871	71593	4045	10480	473	942	92783	397
1892–3	233	2700	1543	791	71245	4430	9536	454	923	91622	392
Totals	3710	26498	21987	9673	686742	44853	137675	5338	9803	942569	254
Perentg.		2·81	2·33	1·02	72·86	4·76	14·61	0·57	1·04		

* In 1887 the Library year commenced March 26th instead of January 1st. For comparing yearly issues those for 1886 and the first three months of 1887 are given as above; and on page 11, for comparing monthly issues, those for March (after 25th), 1887 to 1892, are added to those for March (to 25th), 1888 to 1893, respectively.

Monthly Issues of Books from 1878 to 1892-3.

Years.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Yearly Totals.
1878	2092	2245	2576	2384	2455	2172	2374	2173	613	2438	2620	2166	26308
1879	2791	2649	3094	2688	2542	2162	2714	1109	2033	2862	2708	2850	30202
1880	2936	2840	2586	3105	3012	2864	2835	1217	1686	3113	3168	2672	32034
1881	2517	2842	3180	3162	2878	2736	2873	527	2442	3300	3319	3060	32836
1882	2818	3410	3709	3489	3568	3425	3596	1301	closed ten wks. extra		2180	3396	30892
1883	4197	3895	4703	4324	4332	4069	4034	1461	3973	4870	4720	4328	48906
1884	4040	5049	5640	5119	5399	4666	4806	1620	5148	5378	5558	5383	57806
1885	5607	5520	6190	5393	5775	5484	5515	1940	5710	6799	6200	5870	66003
*1886	6826	6683	7913	6696	6891	6226	6011	1880	5870	6919	6988	6213	75116
1887	7198	6652	6061	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19911
	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	
1887-8	6429	6565	6145	6256	2080	6400	7098	7259	6931	7325	7207	7555	77250
1888-9	7273	6903	6718	6682	...	6737	7374	7435	7461	7880	7746	8856	81065
1889-90	7895	7636	7061	7718	...	7506	8242	8729	7725	8990	8445	8905	88852
1890-91	8330	8168	7649	7994	...	8236	8349	8212	7839	9106	8252	8848	90983
1891-2	7535	8405	7751	7738	...	8341	8886	8619	8201	9702	9377	8228	92783
1892-3	8489	8001	7229	7836	...	8079	8838	8872	8345	9389	8633	7911	91622
Totals	82311	82530	76357	78982	15308	72774	84466	86587	82440	93414	91445	95955	942569
Percntg.	8·73	8·76	8·10	8·38	1·62	7·72	8·96	9·19	8 75	9 91	9·70	10·18	

* See note on page 10.

A Selection from the Additions to the Library during 1892-3.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Adams's Book of Burlesque. Billing's Scientific Materialism and Ultimate Conceptions. Birrell's Res Judicatæ: Papers and Essays. Blouet's Frenchman in America. Booth's Life and Labour of the People in London. Boy's Own Conjuring Book. Braidwood's Fire Prevention and Fire Extinction. Browning's Life and Letters. Buchanan's Outcast. Campbell's British India in Its Relation to Hindooism and Christianity. Cole's Fun Doctor. Conversations on Church Establishments. Cook's Boston Monday Lectures. Dawe's Sacred Epistles Explained and Familiarised. "Electrician" Primers: Theory and Practice. Ellis's Three Visits to Madagascar. Epitome of Alison's History of Europe. Fisher's Moral Teachings of Science. Folkard's Sailing Boat and Directions for Sailing. Froude's Divorce of Catherine of Aragon. Gadsby's My Wanderings: Travels in the East. Giffen's Growth of Capital. Gladden's Who Wrote the Bible? Gladstone's Impregnable Rock of Holy Scripture. Gosse's Mysteries of God. Greenwood's Eminent Naturalists. Harris on the Newly-Recovered Gospel of St. Peter. Haweis's Broad Church; or, What is Coming. Hellyer's Plumber and Sanitary Houses. Hill's Manual of Boot and Shoe Manufacture. Hooper's Daniel's Mysteries Unveiled. Howard's Individual Effort and the Active Christian. Hunt's History of Italy. James's Unknown Horn of Africa. Jessopp's Studies by a Recluse. Laing's Human Origins. Lang's Essays in Little. Larwood's Forensic Anecdotes. Lefroy's Agoniæ Christi: Sermons. Lodge's History of Modern Europe. Lubbock's Beauties of Nature. Ludlow's Woman's Work in the Church. Mackay of Uganda. Mackenzie's Fatal Illness of Frederick the Noble. Magee's Gospel of the Age. Mahaffy's Rambles and Studies in Greece. Mahon's Historical Essays. Man of Business Considered in Seven Aspects. Manning's Profitable Fruit Growing. Massingham's London Daily Press. Mazzini's Essays. Meredith's Poems. Newman's (J. F.) Discussions and Arguments. Parke's Manual of Practical Hygiene. Pimblett's Story of the Soudan War. Platt's Business. Plea for Liberty: Argument Against Socialism and Socialistic Legislation. Quick's Essays on Educational Reformers. Rhodes's Nine Circles of the Hell of the Innocent. Ruskin's Ethics of the Dust, St. Mark's Rest, Two Paths, &c. Sainte-Beuve's Essays. Salad for the Social. Schmidt's Silver Question in Its Social Aspect. Secret Documents of the Second Empire. Seymour's Pilgrimage to Rome. Shenstone's Essays on Men and Manners. Sherer's Gold-Finder of Australia. Spurgeon's Memories of Stambourne. Stables's Log of a Gentleman Gipsy. Stephen's Hours in a Library (3 vols.). Stuart's Chapter of Science; or, What is a Law of Nature? Teacher's Manual of the Science and Art of Teaching. Tozer's Geography of Greece. Tyndall's New Fragments. Vaux's Nineveh and Persepolis. Walford's Twelve English Authoresses. Walley's Practical Guide to Meat Inspection. Walpole's Short History of Ireland. Watson's History of the Sunday School Union. White's Maltster's Guide. Whitman's Specimen Days in America. Wise's Industrial Freedom. Work About the Five Dials. Wright's Man and the Glacial Period. Younger's Mesmerism, Curative Magnetism, and Massage.

The following series of works have been added to:—Contemporary Science, County Histories, English Men of Letters, Gentleman's Magazine Library, Imperial Parliament, Modern Science, Nature, Queen's Prime Ministers, Rulers of India, Social Questions of To-day, Social Science, and Story of the Nations; and also the leading current Magazines to date.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Asiatic Researches. Bayle's Dictionaire Historique and Critique. Biographia Britannica. Bosworth's Dictionary of the Anglo-Saxon Language. Brady's Historical Treatise of Cities and Burghs. Brice's Treatise on the Doctrine of Ultra Vires. British Association Report—Edinburgh, 1892. Canadian Farming. Cassell's History of the United States. Cernuschi's Monetary Pamphlets. Combe's Physiology of Digestion. County Council Guide. Descartes's Life and Meditations. Dictionnaire de l'Académie Françoise. Edwards's Memoirs of Libraries. English and Welsh Pronouncing Dictionary. English Hexapla: Six Translations of the New Testament. Evelyn's Miscellaneous Writings. Gardiner's Student's History of England. Gent's History of Hull. Gostwick's German Culture and Christianity. Greek and English Testament. Hakluyt's Navigations, Voyages, Traffiques, and Discoveries of the English Nation (16 vols.). Halliwell's Dictionary of Archaic and Provincial Words, &c. Harmonicon: Journal of Music. Hunter's Bombay, 1885-90. Hunt's Our Grandmothers' Gowns. Indoor and Outdoor Games and Recreations. Irish New Testament. Jerome's Stage-Land. Lane's Thousand and One Nights. Lewis's Topographical Dictionary of Ireland. Lightfoot's Flora Scotica. Litchfield's Illustrated History of Furniture. Logier's Science of Music and Practical Composition. Merrill's Studies in Comparative Jurisprudence. Mineral Resources of the United States. Naphey's Physical Life of Woman. Naville's Festival Hall of Osorkon II. in the Temple of Bubastis. Old England: Pictorial Museum of Antiquities. Old England's Worthies: Portraits and Biographies. Orridge's Citizens of London and Their Rulers. 1060-1867. Our Own Country. Parliamentary Papers, Reports, and Returns on Annuities and Assurance, Army and Navy Estimates, Bankruptcy, Births, Deaths, and Marriages; British Museum, Charities, Civil Service, Customs, Ecclesiastical Commissioners, Education, Electric Lighting, Exports and Imports, Factories and Workshops, Finance, Fisheries, Friendly Societies, High Sheriffs, Holdings, Ireland, Labour, Libraries, Licenses, Local Taxation, Merchant Shipping, Municipal Corporations, Old Age Pensions, Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks; Pauperism, Public Health, Queen Anne's Bounty, Railways, Savings Banks, Shop Hours, Statistics, Tariffs and Treaties, Technical and Industrial Institutions, Theatres, Trade, Vaccination, and Warlike Stores. Public General Acts, 1892, with Index, &c. Ranke's History of England. Rousselet's India and Its Native Princes. Sala's America Revisited, Dutch Pictures, and Under the Sun. Shakespearian—Donnelly's Great Cryptogram, Francis Bacon's Cipher in the so-called Shakespeare Plays; Eaton's Shakespeare and the Bible; Elze's Shakespeare, a Literary Biography: First Collected Edition of the Dramatic Works of William Shakespeare, a Photo-Lithographic Fac-simile of the 1623 Folio (H. Staunton); Ireland's Confessions concerning His Fabrication of the Shakespeare MSS.; Moulton's Shakespeare as a Dramatic Artist; and Shakespeare's Dramatic Works, from the Text of Johnson, Steevens, and Reed. Stephens's Book of the Farm. Tayler's Memorials of the English Martyrs. Thornton's History of the British Empire in India. Tomlin's Law Dictionary. Tomlinson's Cyclopædia of Useful Arts, Mechanical and Chemical. Vaughan's English Nonconformity. Vieyra's Portuguese and English Dictionary. Walsh's British Rural Sports. Welsh Book of Common Prayer and the Psalms. Wilkinson's Pensions and Pauperism. Young's Introduction to Medical Literature.

Works in parts or volumes as published have here, too, been added—such as Board of Trade Journal, Book-Lover's Library, Dictionary of National Biography, Early English Text and Palæontographical Societies' Publications, Gentleman's Magazine Library, and Historical Manuscripts Commission's Report: also Proceedings and Reports of the Egypt and Palestine Exploration

Funds, Geologists' Association, Philological, Royal Agricultural, and Royal Geographical Societies; Royal Colonial Institute, and Smithsonian Institution (America). The following are periodically bound:—Daylight, Eastern Daily Press, Norfolk Daily Standard, Times (daily edition, and Index thereto, purchased as published), the leading Illustrated Magazines and Newspapers, and Literary, Professional, and Religious Journals.

The Trustees of the British Museum have kindly forwarded Catalogues of Birds, vols. 16, 17, and 20; Sculpture in the Department of Greek and Roman Antiquities, vol. 1.; and of the Printed Books, 23 parts.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Acts for Regulating the Making of Stuffs in Norfolk and Norwich, 1650 and 1653. Ash's Lectures on the Apocalypse. Badger's Hebrew Bible and Science. Blake's Siege of Norwich Castle. Blomefield's History of Norfolk (11 vols.), and Chadwick's Index Nominum to ditto. Borrow's Turkish Jester. Brooke's Private Letters, Narrating Events of His Life. Burney's State of Music in France and Italy. Cheever's Lectures on the Life, Genius, and Insanity of Cowper. Clarke's Memoirs of the Wesley Family. Cosin's History of Popish Transubstantiation. Crisp's Divine Harmony, or the Psalm-Singer Instructed (1755). Critical History of the Administiation of R. Walpole. Crosse's Addresses at Norwich. Crotch's Specimens of Various Styles of Music. Davies's Angling Idylls. De Foe's Tour Through Great Britain. Doman's Gladstone Examined by a Confessed Radical. East Anglian, 1830-3 (all published). Floricultural Cabinet and Florist's Magazine. Frere's Works, in Verse and Prose. Fuller's Wise Words and Quaint Counsels. Govett's Isaiah Unfulfilled. Green's Argumentative Discourses on Catholic Doctrine. Hall's Select Works. Hubbard's Elements of Campanalogia. Hudson's Leet Jurisdiction of Norwich during the 13th and 14th Centuries. Index to the first ten volumes of Norfolk Archæology. Jessopp's Studies by a Recluse. Knights's Peeps at the Past; or, Rambles Among Norfolk Antiquities. Lefroy's Christian Ministry. Marster's Poetical Manual; or, British and Classical Anthology of Past Times. Martineau's Miscellanies. Nelson's Public and Private Life. North's Recollections of a Happy Life. Parr's Aphorisms, Opinions, and Reflections. Robinson's Miscellaneous Works. Rye's Carrow Abbey, with Appendix of Charters. Smith's Compendium of the English Flora. Sportsman's Vocal Library. Summer Sojourn on the East Coast. Tallack's First Parish Register of St. Michael-at-Plea, 1538-1695. Taylor's Scheme of Scripture-Divinity. Tillett's Tokens of Norfolk; and St. George Tombland, Past and Present. Visitacions of Norffolk—Hervey's in 1563, Cooke's in 1589, and Raven's in 1613; edited by W. Rye. Walcott's East Coast of England. Watson's Management of Horses and Dogs. Williams's Index to the Catalogue of the Norwich Medico-Chirurgical Society. Woodward's Nine Maps of Norfolk and Norwich.

There have also been added as published, by presentation, or as special opportunities to purchase arose—East Anglian Notes and Queries, May Blossoms, Norvicensian, Norwich C.E.Y.M.S. Journal, and Norwich Union Magazine; and Engravings, Etchings, Maps, Old Newspapers, Ordnance Survey Sheets (Norfolk and Norwich), Pamphlets, Plans, Portraits, &c., of a specially local nature.

Annual Reports from the following similar Libraries have been received, the figures where given denoting the number of the Report and apparent age of the Library:—Aberdeen 8, Barrow-in-Furness 9, Belfast 4, Birkenhead 36, Birmingham 30, Blackburn 30, Bradford 22, Bristol 16, Camberwell and

Lambeth (Minet) 2, Cambridge 37, Cardiff 30, Cheltenham 8, Chester 14, Clerkenwell 5, Clitheroe 14, Croydon 3, Derby 21, Ealing 9, Hammersmith 3, Handsworth 12, Hanley 5, Leamington Spa, Leeds 22, Leicester 21, Liverpool 39, Los Angeles (California) 4, Manchester 40, Plymouth 15, Portsmouth 8, Richmond 11, Salford 44, Sheffield 36, Smethwick, South Shields 19, Southampton 3, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Twickenham 10, Tynemouth 22, Watford 20 and 21, Wednesbury 14, West Bromwich 18, Westminster 35, Wigan 14, Wimbledon 5, Wolverhampton 23, and Yarmouth 6. Also recent Reports from the Deptford Library and Club, Glasgow Libraries (Baillie's Institution and Mitchell), New York Maimonides Library, and Oxford Bodleian Library.

List of Donors in 1892-3.

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*The following Magazines, Reviews, Newspapers, Directories, &c., are placed in the Reading-Rooms. Those marked * are placed in the Women's Reading-Room, and those marked † are presented.*

ANNUALLY.

Cambridge University Calendar
Church of England Year-Book
College of Preceptors Calendar
Congregational Year-Book
†Co-operative Societies Annual
†County Council Year-Book
Crockford's Clerical Directory
†Dublin University Calendar
†Durham University Calendar
†East Anglian Handbook
†Foresters' Directory
Hazell's Annual
†Imperial Institute Year-Book
London University Calendar
Oxford University Calendar
Statesman's Year-Book
Times Annual
†Trinity College, London, Calendar
†University Correspondence College Calendar
Year-Book of Science

QUARTERLY.

Edinburgh Review
Navy List
Quarterly Review

MONTHLY.

All the Year Round
*†Animal World (1 in Men's)
*Argosy (1 in Men's)
Army List
*Art Journal
*Atalanta
Atlantic Monthly
Belgravia
Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine
Board of Trade Journal
†Building Society's Gazette
†Canadian Patent Office Record
*Cassell's Family Mag. (1 in Men's)
*Century Illustrated
*Chambers's Journal (1 in Men's)
†Child's Guardian
*†Concord (1 in Men's)
Contemporary Review
Cornhill Magazine
†Cottager and Artizan
†Educational Times
*English Illustrated Magazine
*†Financial Reformer (1 in Men's)
†Fire and Water
Fortnightly Review

MONTHLY—*(continued).*

*†Free Life (1 in Men's)
†Free Russia
Gentleman's Magazine
*Girl's Own Paper
*†Glad Tidings (1 in Men's)
Good Words
Greater Britain
*Harper's Magazine
*Household Words
Idler
†Imperial Federation
†Insurance and Banking Review
†Jewish Intelligence
†Journal of Professional Musicians
*Ladies' Gazette of Fashion
*Ladies' Treasury
Leisure Hour
London Society
Longman's Magazine
Macmillan's Magazine
†Miller, Technical Issue
†Musical Herald, Tonic Sol-Fa Rep.
†Musical Times
National Review
†New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century
*†Our Own Gazette
†Our Work at Home and Abroad
†Personal Rights Journal
†Phillips's Machinery Register
†Plumber and Decorator
†Practical Photographer
Quiver
Review of Reviews
Science Gossip
*Scribner's Magazine
Strand Magazine
*Sunday at Home
*Sylvia's Home Journal
Temple Bar
†Tract Magazine
†University Correspondent
†Vaccination Inquirer
†Vegetarian Messenger
Westminster Review
Zoologist
†Zoophilist

FORTNIGHTLY.

Civil Service Aspirant
†Present Truth

TRI-WEEKLY.

Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart

BI-WEEKLY.

*†Norwich Mercury (1 in Men's), 1 given

WEEKLY.

Army and Navy Gazette
Athenæum
Australasian
†Boot and Shoe Trades Journal
†Boston Independent
Boy's Own Paper
Builder
Building News
†Bullionist
†Cambridge Independent
†Canadian Gazette
Cassell's Saturday Journal
†Catholic Times
†Christian Life and Unitarian Her.
*Christian World (2 in Men's), 1 giv.
*Christian World, Family Circle Ed.
*†Church Times
*†Civil Service Competitor (1 in Men's)
†Civil Service Gazette
†Colliery Guardian
†Colonies and India, and American Visitor
*†Co-operative News (1 in Men's)
†Cromer and North Walsham Post
*†Daylight (2 in Men's)
Detroit Free Press
†Drapers' Record
*†Eastern Weekly Press
Engineer
Engineering
England
English Mechanic
Era
*Family Herald, and Supplement
Field
*Fun
Gardeners' Magazine
†Gardening World
*Graphic (1 in Men's)
*Guardian
*Illus. London News (1 in Men's)
Illus. Official Journal (Patents)
†Invention
†Ipswich Journal
†Iron
†Journal of Society of Arts
Judy
*Lady's Pictorial
Land and Water
†Literary World
†Lowestoft Journal
†Lowestoft Standard
†Lynn Advertiser
†Lynn News and County Press
Mechanical World
†Metropolitan

WEEKLY—*(continued)*.

†Midland Counties Herald
†Money
†Montreal Witness
Nature
Newcastle Chronicle
*†Norfolk Chronicle (1 in Men's), 1 given
*†Norfolk News (1 in Men's) 1 given
†Norfolk Weekly Standard and Argus (1 in Men's) 1 given
Notes and Queries
*†Our Weekly
Pall Mall Budget
*†People's Weekly Journal
Phonetic Journal
Public Opinion
*Punch (1 in Men's)
*Queen
*†Richmond and Twickenham Times
†Rural World
Saturday Review
†School Board Chronicle
*School Guardian
Schoolmaster
*Schoolmistress
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List
Speaker
Spectator
†Sydney Mail
†Tablet
†Tailor and Cutter
*†Temperance Chronicle (1 in Men's)
United Ireland
†Vegetarian
Volunteer Service Gazette
†Weekly Register
Weekly Sun
Westminster Budget
*†Worcester Herald
Work
†Yarmouth Independent
*Young Ladies' Journal

DAILY.

Chronicle (in Lobby)
East Anglian Times (in Lobby)
*†Eastern Daily Press (2 in Men's) 1 given
†Eastern Evening News (1 also in Lobby) 1 given
Echo (in Lobby)
News
Norfolk Standard (in Lobby)
Pall Mall Gazette
St. James's Gazette
*Standard (1 in Men's)
Star (in Lobby)
*Telegraph (1 in Men's)
Times
Westminster Gazette

Railway Time Tables.

Bradshaw, and Continental in season
†Cook's Excursionist
†Eastern and Midlands
†Great Eastern
†Great Eastern Continental
†Great Northern
†Great Western
†London and North Western
†London and South Western
†London, Brighton, and South Coast
†London, Chatham, and Dover
†Midland
†Norwich—Fletcher's and Jarrold's
†South Eastern

Kelly's Directories.

Beds, Hunts, and Northamptonshire
Berks, Bucks, and Oxon
Birmingham, Staffs, Warwickshire, and Worcestershire
Cambs, Norfolk, and Suffolk
Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Rutland, and Notts
Devonshire and Cornwall
Essex, Herts, and Middlesex
Kent, Surrey, and Sussex
Lancashire, Liverpool, and Manchester
Lincolnshire, with Hull and Neighbourhood
London
London Suburban
Somersetshire and Gloucestershire, with Bristol
Yorks (West Riding; and North and East Ridings, with York)

A B C Hotel Guide for Travellers and Tourists
Acts of Parliament—Educational, Local, Social, &c.
Advertiser's A B C of Official Scales and Charges and Press Directory
Almanacks—British, Financial Reform, Whitaker's, &c.
Bartlett's Familiar Quotations; and Southgate's Many Thoughts
Brewer's Historic Note-Book, Phrase and Fable, and Reader's Handbook
Bryan's Dictionary of Painters and Engravers
Business Directory of London and Provincial and Foreign Trade Guide
Chambers's (ed. by E. Preston) and Dougal & Co.'s Indexes to Next of Kin
Civil Service Guides—A B C, Cassell's, and Johnson's
Cooley's Practical Receipts and Collateral Information
Debrett's Peerage, Baronetage, and Knightage
Dictionaries—Dutch, French, German, Greek, Latin, Portuguese, Welsh
Export Merchant Shippers and Manufacturers' Trade Directory
Eyre's Hotels of the United Kingdom
Eyre's Norwich District Directory; and Jarrold's Norwich Directory
Haydn's Dictionary of Dates; and Townsend's Manual of Dates
Hood's World of Moral and Religious Anecdote
Howard's Roads of England and Wales
Kelly's Directory of Merchants, Manufacturers, and Shippers
Kelly's Handbook to the Titled, Landed, and Official Classes
King's Classical and Foreign Quotations, Translations and Indexes
Marshall's Genealogist's Guide; and Men and Women of the Time
Medical Directory
Patents for Inventions—Abridgments of Specifications
Perry's Manufacturers' and Merchants' Directory and Mercantile Guide
Sell's Dictionary of the World's Press and Advertisers' Reference Book
Spencer's Things New and Old; and Cawdray's Treasury of Similes.

The Shipping Gazette and Time Tables are placed in the Lobby.

Financial Statement for the Year ending March 24th, 1893.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To 1d. in the £ raised with the Borough Rate	1165	0	0
„ Rents	57	10	9
„ Sale of Borrowers' Cards	17	18	4
„ Sale of Catalogues	13	0	1
„ Books, Post Cards, and Waste	9	13	11
„ School of Art proportion of cost of Water	4	9	8
„ Telephone Company (Way Leave) ...	1	13	0
Total	£1269	5	9

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Treasurer, March 24th, 1892	97	19	3
„ Salaries and Wages...	483	3	2
„ Books	226	6	3
„ Newspapers and Periodicals	76	11	4
„ Bookbinding and Numbering	132	13	9
„ Printing and Stationery	27	15	6
„ Binding Catalogues...	2	11	0
„ Insurance	9	4	6
„ Gas and Coals	22	15	11
„ Repairs to Buildings	22	16	3
„ Furniture and Repairs	14	4	7
„ Electric Light	86	5	0
„ Sundries	37	5	5
„ Balance in hand, March 24th, 1893 ...	29	13	10
Total	£1269	5	9

Amount received by the Librarian for Fines, £60 19*s.* 10*d.*; Balance in hand per last Report, £12 17*s.* 11*d.*; total, £73 17*s.* 9*d.*: expended in the formation of a Collection of Local Books, &c., £62 0*s.* 1*d.*; Balance in hand, March 24th, 1893, £11 17*s.* 8*d.*

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath, out of such part of my personal Estate as may by Law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Treasurer for the time being of the City of Norwich Corporation, the sum of

(free from Legacy Duty), for the benefit of the Norwich Free Library, to be expended in such way as the Committee for the time being may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the said Treasurer shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

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*I bequeath**

** Books, Pictures, or other objects of Art or Interest.*

to the Treasurer for the time being of the City of Norwich Corporation, for the benefit of the Norwich Free Library, either for exhibition or such other purposes as the Committee for the time being deem expedient; and I direct any Legacy Duty which may be payable thereon to be paid by my Executors out of my personal Estate; and I further direct that the Receipt of the said Treasurer shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

Donations may be intimated to the Librarian, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

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With the Chairman's Compliments.

University of Illinois
Library School

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TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,

From March 26th, 1893, to March 25th, 1894.

Mayor, Sir PETER EADE, M.D. **Sheriff, J. BARWELL, Esq.**

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RICHARD LLOYD AND ARTHUR A. PYE, ASSISTANTS.
J. LEMON, READING-ROOM ATTENDANT. W. H. HALL, SUNDAY ATTENDANT.

The Quarterly Meetings of the Committee will be held at the Library, at 4 p.m. on the following days :—

April 11th, July 11th, and October 10th, 1894 ; and January 9th, 1895.

The Sub-Committees meet when required, and are specially summoned.

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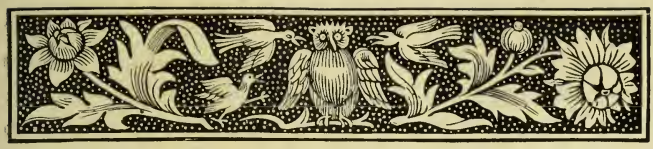
"Books still accomplish miracles, they PERSUADE MEN."—*Carlyle.*



REPORT.

In compiling the Annual Report of the Library for 1893-4 we are reminded that it is now forty years since the first stone of the building was laid. It will therefore seem appropriate to review a few of the facts connected with its history and progress.

Norwich has the credit of having been among the first of the English cities to take advantage of the Acts authorising the establishment of Free Libraries, and to tax itself in order to provide books for the use of the citizens.

We gather from the First Report of the Library Committee that the subject of the establishment of a Free Library in this city was first brought under the consideration of the Town Council in September, 1850, when a memorial signed by 600 persons was presented, and upon proceedings being taken to ascertain the feelings of the citizens more than two-thirds of the votes were recorded for the adoption of the Acts. The first stone was laid on September 13th, 1854. It was subsequently decided to add an additional storey to the building to afford accommodation for the School of Art, and this delayed the completion of the building for more than a year, so that the Library was not opened until March 16th, 1857.

The cost of the site and buildings was about £8,000; and a Special Committee reported, "That, after providing for payment of interest on the loan (borrowed at 5 per cent.), the annual instalment of the principal, and the working expenses, a small sum only (for years to come) will remain for the purchase of books." Thus the supply of books and periodical literature mainly depended upon the donations and subscriptions of citizens, and the early years of the institution were years of difficulty and very slow progress. Only one-third of the whole building was used for strictly Free Library purposes, although its cost and maintenance were charged upon the Library funds. The First Report, published in 1858, states that the donations and subscriptions received amounted to £357, that the books presented formed about two-thirds of the whole number, and that the Library was opened with 3,354 volumes.

In January, 1877, the present Librarian was appointed, "starting," as is stated in the Report for 1877-8, "with a stock of 3,500 books in the Lending Department, and almost none in the Reference Department." Thus it would seem the institution had been comparatively stagnant for its first twenty years. That our Librarian speedily infused new life is apparent by the statement in the 1877-8 Report that the stock consisted of 4,400 volumes, an increase of nearly 1,000 in the year, and that the issues had also increased 12,000 in the same period.

During the fifteen years from 1878 to 1892, £16,063 has been received from rates and other sources. £5,560, or about one-third of the income, has been spent on the three items of books, newspapers, and binding; salaries and wages absorbed about 30 per cent. of the receipts; and £2,382 met the remaining instalments of loan and interest, the last £200 being paid in 1888-9. The expenditure on repairs to the building, furniture, and fittings has been £1,526, and on lighting and heating £1,066. More than 15,000 persons have become borrowers; 26,600 volumes have been added to the stock, which now numbers in all

departments 30,124 volumes; and the circulation has increased from 26,000 to 86,000 volumes (works in more than one volume being counted as one only)—and, for the past year, adding the 49,000 issued by the teachers in 36 Elementary Schools, there was a total issue of 135,000. The proportion of income expended upon books and other literature will, it is believed, now bear favourable comparison with other Free Libraries.

In March, 1885, on the removal of the Literary Institution, a cheerful room was set apart and furnished with suitable literature for the use of women, and is freely patronised.

Our Librarian has long been impressed with the importance of securing a good collection of "books and other printed matter relating to, printed or published in, or written by a native or resident of or person deriving a title from, any portion of the county of Norfolk." The penny fines imposed by the Rules of the Library have been (by resolution of the Committee) since 1880 devoted to this purpose. The total receipts from this source to date have been £620, the fines now yielding nearly £60 per annum. This arrangement has resulted in a valuable collection of 2646 volumes, 3462 pamphlets, and numerous engravings, maps, portraits, &c., for reference in the Local Department, which is being constantly added to as opportunity serves.

The Reference Department, including the Local Collection, contains 10,520 volumes and 5367 pamphlets, and has quite outgrown the space allotted to it. These books are distributed in various rooms, they are not catalogued, and the public are practically unacquainted with the valuable contents of this branch of the Library. When books in this department are required it is a severe tax on the time, intelligence, and memory of the staff to find their location, and a hindrance also to the development and usefulness of the institution. It is therefore of pressing importance that a systematic arrangement, numbering, and cataloguing of these books should be provided for with the least possible delay.

Specially-constructed cases suitable for the huge bound volumes of the *Times* (dating from 1882), and for those of the *Eastern Daily Press* and other newspapers, are urgently required. Provision should also be made for registering the issues in this department. It is hoped, however, to accomplish most of this work when, a few months hence, possession is gained of the large room, part of this building, which for nearly forty years has been occupied by the Museum. The whole of the Library portion of this structure will then be available for its original purposes.

It will then also be possible to re-arrange and distribute the valuable and extensive stock of magazine and review sets, and thus free a large amount of convenient space for the more recent literature in constant demand in the Lending Department, the congested and scattered state of which has of late much hindered the work there and caused undue delay in the issue of books.

In view of these changes it will be the duty of the Committee at an early date to consider the question of fitting out the room soon to be acquired with book-cases and other requisites, the cost of which will be a serious item in future expenditure; but this has been kept in mind and partly provided for by restricting as far as possible recent expenditure.

At the present time there is a large accumulation of books and papers stored in the large room on the first floor of the Museum buildings. This room, from its convenient size and having entrances from the street and the Library, is admirably adapted for the kind of Free Lectures and Readings the Committee are anxious to encourage, and it would be a great advantage if it could be secured for this and similar purposes.

No Lectures have been given this year under the management of the Committee, it being believed that the instructive course of twenty-four University Extension Lectures on "The Problems of Life and Health," by Mr. E. A. Parkyn, M.A., would, if attended, suffice.

The Committee-Room has been in frequent use by three Public Circles of the Norwich Branch of the National Home Reading Union, their subjects and leaders being as follow:—"Shakespeare," Bosworth Harcourt, Esq.; "English Literature (Nineteenth Century)," Rev. J. H. Rogers, M.A.; and "French Literature," Mr. Cecil Gould, Hon. Sec. of the Teachers' Guild. To assist the readers in the last Circle the Committee purchased a selection of French fiction. The Room has also been used by the Norwich Students' Association—President, Mr. E. Peake; and some books supplied by the Norfolk County Council have been placed in it, where at the request of that Council the Committee have been pleased to make them available for the use of county students.

A Juvenile Department, for supplying the Elementary Schools, Board and Voluntary, with books for home reading, was started in September, 1889. 3,893 volumes are placed under the care of the teachers; and there were 48,518 issues for the seven months shown on pages 15 and 16—notwithstanding that six schools were closed for parts of that period in consequence of epidemics.

By resolution of the Town Council the Reading-Room has, since February, 1890, been opened on Sundays between the hours of 3 and 9 p.m. The attendances have been steadily maintained showing that a want has been supplied and its opening duly appreciated.

The worn-out and discarded books have been sent as usual to the City Asylum and Workhouse, and also to the new Isolation Hospital.

The usual excellent order and smoothness have characterised the working of the various departments.

THOMAS S. BREESE,
Chairman.

On pages 10 to 20 are particulars of the borrowers (age, sex, and occupation, with the wards in which they resided), borrowers' cards, issues of books for 1893-4 and from 1878, the Juvenile Department, selections of books, &c., and the donors—but the following compressed statistics show more readily the position and working of the Library in the year 1893-4 :—

LENDING DEPARTMENT—

Stock, 15711 volumes; being in—

Art, Science, and Political Economy ...	1743	increase	59
Biography and Correspondence	1390	„	25
Poetry and Drama	645	„	48
Fiction	4875	„	293
History and Travel	2119	„	68
Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellaneous...	3994	„	240
Law and Theology	635	„	31
Natural History	310	„	15
Totals...	15711	„	749
„ last year	14962	„	754

Days opened	232	last year	233
Borrowers' Cards issued (inclu. duplicates), say	3700	„	4200
Actual number of borrowers, say ...	3850	„	4049
New borrowers	874	„	1006
Average issues to each borrower... ...	22	„	23

Issues, 86355 (90195 volumes); being in—

Art, Science, and Political Economy ...	2304	decrease	396
Biography and Correspondence	1298	„	245
Poetry and Drama	726	„	65
Fiction	68678	„	2567
History and Travel	3261	„	1169
Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellaneous ...	8918	„	618
Law and Theology...	465	increase	11
Natural History	705	decrease	218
Totals...	86355	„	5267
„ last year	91622	„	1161
Average daily issues	372	last year	392

Issues in 1878, 26308—averaging 99 daily.

LENDING DEPARTMENT—*(Continued).*

Fines for overdue books	£56/11/9	last year	£60/19/10
Catalogues	£9/12/9	„	£13/0/1
Books replaced	333	„	657
Books sent to Binders (including Juvenile Department)	1444	„	2331
Juvenile Department—			
Stock, volumes	3893	„	3885
Scholars eligible in the Schools (estimated)	3678	„	3573
Books sent to Schools	3570	„	3650
Months books issued	7	„	4
Issues	48518	„	19121
Total Lending Stock, volumes	19604	„	18847
„ Issues (Library and Schools) volumes ...	138713	„	114579

PRESENT STOCK—

Books—			
Lending Department	15711	increase	749
Ditto (Juvenile)	3893	„	8
Reference Department	7874	„	411
Ditto (Local Collection)	2646	„	267
Totals	50124	„	1435
„ last year	28689	„	1792
Pamphlets—			
Reference Department	1905	„	196
Ditto (Local Collection)	3462	„	382
Totals	5367	„	578
„ last year	4789	„	449

Stock in December, 1877, about 3500 books.

PERCENTAGES (excluding Juvenile Department)—

Lending Stock (15711 volumes)	15·57	per cent.	of population.
Issues (86355)	85·53	„	„
Actual Borrowers (say 3850)	3·81	„	„
Total Stock (26231 volumes)	25·98	„	„

The Lending Department is open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., except Sundays, Thursdays, Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Bank Holidays; and the Reading-Rooms for Men and Women (on the first floor) are open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., except Sundays (when it is from 3 to 9 p.m.), Christmas Day, and Good Friday.

Wards wherein Borrowers Resided.

	Population 1891.	New Borrowers in 1893-4.	Borrowers since Dec. 1st, 1877.
First Ward ...	5960 ...	47 ...	1169
Second Ward ...	3389 ...	62 ...	1074
Third Ward ...	33656 ...	361 ...	6132
Fourth Ward ...	1904 ...	11 ...	387
Fifth Ward ...	7192 ...	66 ...	1596
Sixth Ward ...	16454 ...	102 ...	1715
Seventh Ward ...	23502 ...	170 ...	2249
Eighth Ward ...	8907 ...	55 ...	1491
Totals ...	100964 ...	874 ...	15813

Ages of Borrowers.

	New Borrowers in 1893-4.	Borrowers since Dec. 1st, 1877.
Above 14 and under 20	420 ...	7634
„ 20 „ 25	145 ...	2122
„ 25 „ 30	77 ...	1475
„ 30 „ 35	54 ...	1011
„ 35 „ 40	40 ...	765
„ 40 „ 45	24 ...	546
„ 45 „ 50	14 ...	358
„ 50 „ 55	15 ...	302
„ 55 „ 60	7 ...	175
„ 60	18 ...	376
Not stated	60 ...	1049
Totals	874 ...	15813

In 1877-8 (thirteen months) 1545 Cards (260 to females and 1285 to males) were issued to Borrowers. 1879—1782 Cards were issued, 802 (201 and 601) being to New Borrowers; total from December 1st, 1877, 2347. 1880—the numbers were 2000, 770 (202 and 568), and 3117 respectively. 1881—2000, 683 (193 and 490), and 3800. 1882—2200, 780 (226 and 554), and 4580. 1883—2500, 934 (284 and 650) and 5514. 1884—2850, 952 (343 and 609), and 6466. 1885—3250, 1034 (414 and 620), and 7500. 1886-7—3739, 1319 (541 and 778), and 8819. 1887-8—3900, 1020 (425 and 595), and 9839. 1888-9—3820, 1020 (450 and 570), and 10,859. 1889-90—4060, 1058 (510 and 548), and 11,917. 1890-91—4100, 953 (431 and 522), and 12,870. 1891-2—4100, 1063 (439 and 624), and 13,933. 1892-3—4200, 1006 (464 and 542), and 14,939. 1893-4—3700, 874 (421 and 453), and 15,813—being 5804 female and 10,009 male Bor rowers

Occupations of New Borrowers.

Accountants	2
Agents	9
Apprentices	2
Architects and Surveyor ...	3
Assistants	26
Bagmakers	2
Bakers and Confectioners ...	14
Bookbinders	3
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	13
Boxmakers	2
Bricklayers	2
Brushmakers	4
Butchers	2
Cabinet-makers and Polisher	8
Carpenters and Joiner ...	5
Carvers	3
Clergymen and Ministers ...	6
Clerks	55
Clickers	12
Clothiers	2
Cutters	5
Dealer and Shopkeepers ...	4
Dentists	3
Domestic Servants and Pages	6
Drapers	16
Dressmakers and Milliners ...	38
Engineers	6
Errand and Office Boys ...	25
Finishers...	7
Fitters	6
Grocers	10
Hosiers	2
Housekeepers	7
Jeweller and Silversmith ...	2
Carried forward	312
Brought forward	312
Labourers	5
Lacemakers	2
Lasters and Heelers ...	3
Lithographers	3
Machinists	16
Managers and Superintendent	6
Mantle-makers	2
Musician and Tuner ...	2
Nurses	10
Organist and Pianist ...	2
Packers and Porters ...	6
Painters and Plumber ...	3
Printers	23
Publicans	2
Railway Employés... ...	6
Rivetters...	5
Rulers	2
Salesmen...	4
Scholars and Students ...	35
Schoolmasters, Mistresses, and Teachers ...	58
Smiths and Viceman ...	3
Stationers	2
Tailors and Tailoresses ...	35
Telegraphic Employés ...	4
Travellers	3
Turners	2
Upholsterers	6
Warehousemen	4
Wicker-workers	2
Miscellaneous	42
Not stated	264
Total	874

Classified Register of Issues of Books for 1893-4.

Months. 1893-4.	Days open.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corspondnce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellanus.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Monthly Issues.	Average Daily Issues.
March (aft. 25th)	3	39	39	6	866	62	141	9	16	1178	393
April	20	221	157	72	6015	381	876	49	74	7845	392
May	22	168	67	62	5338	311	665	36	59	6706	305
June	21	167	102	48	5282	259	709	32	58	6657	317
July	22	183	109	63	5912	245	741	38	62	7353	334
August	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
September ...	22	216	111	66	6057	278	748	41	55	7572	344
October	22	242	103	91	6639	241	770	35	61	8182	372
November... ...	21	234	126	66	6476	251	779	45	50	8027	382
December... ...	20	205	124	68	6326	334	847	45	48	7997	400
January	23	254	126	68	7459	370	983	44	79	9383	408
February	20	204	134	62	6566	309	920	45	76	8316	416
March (to 25th)	16	171	100	54	5742	220	739	46	67	7139	446
Totals	232	2304	1298	726	68678	3261	8918	465	705	86355	372
Percentages '93-4		2·67	1·50	0·84	79·53	3·78	10·33	0·54	0·81		
Percentages '92-3		2·95	1·68	0·86	77·76	4·84	10·41	0·49	1·01		

Classified Register of Issues of Books from 1878 to 1893-4.

Years.	Days open.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corspondnce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellanus.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Yearly Issues.	Average Daily Issues.
1878	267	978	1132	595	18485	1814	2779	270	255	26308	99
1879	291	843	964	353	21300	1828	3443	560	911	30202	104
1880	290	1141	1697	639	19733	3030	5119	339	336	32034	110
1881	231	907	1903	501	18881	2749	7323	295	277	32836	142
1882	196	921	1311	318	19318	2577	5736	211	500	30892	158
1883	244	1437	1148	566	32586	3033	9512	202	422	48906	200
1884	242	1547	1315	550	41233	3217	9396	192	356	57806	239
1885	238	1751	1742	552	47326	2891	10755	282	704	66003	277
*1886	239	1779	1734	510	55318	3433	11251	317	774	75116	314
*1887	60	434	379	124	15042	687	3037	95	113	19911	332
1887–8	242	1713	1271	763	57440	2342	12728	293	700	77250	319
1888–9	233	2199	1170	809	60849	2465	12361	364	848	81065	348
1889–90	235	2639	1501	844	67297	3089	12199	455	828	88852	378
1890–91	235	2737	1570	887	69096	3223	12020	536	914	90983	387
1891–2	234	2772	1607	871	71593	4045	10480	473	942	92783	397
1892–3	233	2700	1543	791	71245	4430	9536	454	923	91622	392
1893–4	232	2304	1298	726	68678	3261	8918	465	705	86355	372
Totals	3942	28802	23285	10399	755420	48114	146593	5803	10508	1028924	261
Percntg.		2·80	2 26	1·01	73·42	4·68	14·25	0·56	1·02		

* In 1887 the Library year commenced March 26th instead of January 1st. For comparing yearly issues those for 1886 and the first three months of 1887 are given as above; and on page 14, for comparing monthly issues, those for March (after 25th), 1887 to 1893, are added to those for March (to 25th), 1888 to 1894 respectively.

Monthly Issues of Books from 1878 to 1893-4.

Years.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Yearly Totals.
1878	2092	2245	2576	2384	2455	2172	2374	2173	613	2438	2620	2166	26308
1879	2791	2649	3094	2688	2542	2162	2714	1109	2033	2862	2708	2850	30202
1880	2936	2840	2586	3105	3012	2864	2835	1217	1686	3113	3168	2672	32034
1881	2517	2842	3180	3162	2878	2736	2873	527	2442	3300	3319	3060	32836
1882	2818	3410	3709	3489	3568	3425	3596	1301	closed ten	wks. extra	2180	3396	30892
1883	4197	3895	4703	4324	4332	4069	4034	1461	3973	4870	4720	4328	48906
1884	4040	5049	5640	5119	5399	4666	4806	1620	5148	5378	5558	5383	57806
1885	5607	5520	6190	5393	5775	5484	5515	1940	5710	6799	6200	5870	66003
*1886	6826	6683	7913	6696	6891	6226	6011	1880	5870	6919	6988	6213	75116
1887	7198	6652	6061	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19911
	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	
1887-8	6429	6565	6145	6256	2080	6400	7098	7259	6931	7325	7207	7555	77250
1888-9	7273	6903	6718	6682	...	6737	7374	7435	7461	7880	7746	8856	81065
1889-90	7895	7636	7061	7718	...	7506	8242	8729	7725	8990	8445	8905	88852
1890-91	8330	8168	7649	7994	...	8236	8349	8212	7839	9106	8252	8848	90983
1891-2	7535	8405	7751	7738	...	8341	8886	8619	8201	9702	9377	8228	92783
1892-3	8489	8001	7229	7836	...	8079	8838	8872	8345	9389	8633	7911	91622
1893-4	7845	6706	6657	7353	...	7572	8182	8027	7997	9383	8316	8317	86355
Totals	90156	89236	83014	86335	15308	80346	92648	94614	90437	102797	99761	104272	1028924
Perentg.	8·76	8·67	8·07	8·39	1·49	7·81	9·00	9·20	8 79	9·99	9·70	10·13	

* See note on page 13.

Issues of Books in Elementary Schools for 1893-4.

Boys' and Mixed Schools. Scholars in Standard IV. and upwards.	Scholars Estimated.	Books Sent.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total Issues.	Times Books Issued.	Average per Time.
*Bull Close Road	176	155	525	277	505	249	86	444	318	2404	24	100
Crook's Place	226	200	628	457	510	430	318	296	124	2763	27	102
Heigham Street	68	100	276	225	158	164	159	224	184	1390	26	53
Lakenham	84	75	286	211	196	77	156	218	127	1271	25	51
Model	180	160	493	564	401	422	121	393	255	2649	25	106
Nelson Street	250	240	949	660	600	459	50	297	420	3435	25	137
Old Meeting	58	50	216	162	140	30	...	54	...	602	16	38
St. Augustine Junior ...	26	45	148	126	113	110	76	114	97	784	28	28
" " Senior ...	267	265	987	457	726	756	170	798	585	4479	24	187
St. Peter Mancroft ...	72	65	172	114	85	44	46	72	42	575	13	44
St. Philip	79	75	253	171	141	120	85	115	60	945	26	36
St. Stephen	61	55	86	83	81	45	46	51	35	427	26	16
*Surrey Road	93	85	207	125	...	...	55	240	53	680	16	43
Thorpe Hamlet	145	130	515	342	337	...	150	291	128	1763	21	84
Boys' Schools ...	1785	1700	5741	3974	3993	2906	1518	3607	2428	24167	322	75
Earlham	10	45	65	49	38	37	32	46	29	296	25	12
*Eaton	32	45	73	65	63	48	50	54	...	353	22	16
Philadelphia	33	45	58	22	38	59	60	81	66	384	22	17
Roman Catholic	65	60	189	141	188	125	125	166	86	1020	25	41
St. Martin-at-Palace ...	24	45	50	51	40	17	62	87	56	363	26	14
St. Stephen	45	45	113	52	120	55	81	82	54	557	20	28
*Quay Side	104	105	249	60	...	...	30	61	60	460	15	31
Mixed Schools ...	313	390	797	440	487	341	440	577	351	3433	155	22

* See page 7.

Issues of Books in Elementary Schools for 1893-4—(continued).

Girls' Schools. Scholars in Standard IV and upwards.	Scholars Estimated.	Books Sent.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total Issues.	Times Books Issued.	Average per Time.
Bull Close Road	127	120	503	275	309	228	160	292	185	1952	25	78
Crook's Place...	192	180	535	720	613	327	684	685	504	4068	26	156
Heigham Street	67	80	278	256	288	77	106	237	183	1425	23	62
*Horn's Lane	70	65	280	249	121	65	84	234	191	1224	21	58
Lakenham	70	65	193	146	152	112	148	143	124	1018	25	41
Model	132	120	363	166	148	31	...	...	...	708	11	64
Nelson Street...	167	160	549	379	262	110	214	321	462	2297	24	96
Octagon	80	70	250	173	173	111	71	129	146	1053	26	41
St. Augustine	236	220	481	228	508	224	158	370	283	2252	23	98
St. Bartholomew	68	60	153	134	141	123	107	141	122	921	26	35
St. Giles	64	60	130	84	122	45	53	57	92	583	23	25
St. Miles	63	55	170	103	101	94	106	105	98	777	23	34
St. Philip	68	60	179	120	117	119	115	109	108	867	15	58
*Surrey Road	74	70	108	86	...	...	71	110	66	441	18	25
Thorpe Hamlet	102	95	297	228	293	64	164	216	70	1332	24	56
Girls' Schools ...	1580	1480	4469	3347	3348	1730	2241	3149	2634	20918	333	63
Boys' ,, ...	1785	1700	5741	3974	3993	2906	1518	3607	2428	24167	322	75
Mixed ,, ...	313	390	797	440	487	341	440	577	351	3433	155	22
Totals	3678	3570	11007	7761	7828	4977	4199	7333	5413	48518	810	60

* See page 7.

A Selection from the Additions to the Library during 1893-4.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Abbey's English Church in the Eighteenth Century. Arnold's Poetical Works. Bielfeld's Painting on Glass, and Williams's Transparency Painting on Linen. Birrell's Essays about Men, Women and Books. Burnley's Romance of Life Preservation. Carpenter's Energy in Nature. Conder's Palestine. Cooke's Romance of Low Life amongst Plants. Cranmer's Life by J. A. Sargant. Crowe's Night Side of Nature. Dalziel's Diseases of Dogs. De Nadaillac's Pre-Historic America. Draper's Heat and the Principles of Thermodynamics. Edwards's Minor Pets. Elliot's Diary of an Idle Woman in Constantinople. Emperor Julian and His Generation. Ewald's Paper and Parchment, Historical Sketches. Figuier's Day After Death, or Our Future Life according to Science. Four Centuries of English Letters. Gilbert's Original Plays. Gilmore's Hunter's Arcadia. Gosse's Questions at Issue. Gould's Freaks of Fanaticism, and Strange Survivals. Greenwood's Wilds of London. Hibberd's Amateur's Kitchen Garden. Holyoake's Sixty Years of an Agitator's Life. Hook's Life and Remains. Jesse's Memoirs of the Pretenders and Their Adherents. Jessopp's Coming of the Friars and other Historic Essays. Jewitt's Half-Hours among some English Antiquities. Kant's Philosophy Adapted to a Natural System. Lang's Custom and Myth. Lord Eldon's Public and Private Life, with Correspondence. Mackay's Songs. Macmillan's Sabbath of the Fields. Masters's Ice Book. Mathews's Oratory and Orators. Mosaic Record of the Creation, a Study. Nansen's First Crossing of Greenland. Niblett's Portative Electricity. North's Recollections of a Happy Life. Oliver's Student's Handbook of Systematic Botany. Pinkerton's Hydrostatics and Pneumatics. Renan's Origins of Christianity, and other Works. Revival of Irish Literature and other Addresses. Robinson's Poets and Nature. Sanderson's Summary of British History. Sheldon's British Dairying. Stables's Tea, the Drink of Pleasure and of Health. Suffling's How to Organise a Cruise on the Broads. Symonds's Introduction to the Study of Dante. Tallack's Penological and Preventive Principles. Taylor's Historic Survey of German Poetry. Ten Brink's Early English Literature. Ten Thousand Wonderful Things. Tischendorf's When were Our Gospels Written. Torrens's Twenty Years in Parliament. Viardot's Wonders of Sculpture. Walsh's Ancient Monuments and Holy Writ. Wilson's Leaves from a Naturalist's Note-Book. Witham's System of Figure-Skating. Wood's Our Garden Friends and Foes.

The following series of works have been added to :—Contemporary Science, Gentleman's Magazine Library, International Scientific, Preachers of the Age, Social Science, Story of the Nations, Twelve English Statesmen, and Weale's Rudimentary; also have been added a number of works in French, others by leading novelists of the day, and the principal Magazines to date.

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Allibone's Critical Dictionary of English Literature and British and American Authors. Atkins's Tradesmen's Tokens of the Eighteenth Century. Bennett's History of Dissenters, 1808-38. Best Plays of Old Dramatists—Mermaid Series, 17 vols. Bettany's World's Religions. Bibliotheca Sunderlandiana. Census of England and Wales and of Scotland. Collier's (Tim Bobbin) Human Passions Delineated. Co-operative Congress Report, 1893. Cudmore's Civil Government and Constitutional History of the United States. Darton's Statistical Tables of Population, Crime, &c., 1801-51. Evans's Philatelic Catalogue of Postal Stamps, Envelopes, &c., 1840-89. Fletcher's Index to General Literature. Gneist's English Parliament in Its Transformations through 1000 years. Göthe's Notice Descriptive des Tableux du Musée National de Stockholm. Hardy's Handwriting of the Kings and Queens of England. Index to the Periodical Literature of the World, 1891-2. Jackson's Centenary of Wesleyan Methodism. Manks Bible. Moore's Age of Intellect. Parkin's Outline of Lectures on Human Physiology. Parliamentary Papers, Reports, and Returns on—Army, Births, Deaths, and Marriages; British Museum, Building Societies, Capital and Labour, Charity, Churches, Education, Factories and Workshops, Fisheries, Friendly Societies, Gas, India, Inebriates, Labour, Life Assurance, Local Government, Local Taxation, Metropolitan Sewage Discharge, Mint, Nonconformist Marriages, Ordnance Survey, Police, Poor Law, Printed Papers, Public Accounts, Railway Servants, Savings Banks, Science and Art, Statistics, Strikes and Lock-outs, Trade, Unemployed, and Woods and Forests. Patents for Inventions, Abridgments of Specifications, 1877-83. Pelham's Chronicles of Crime. Perfect Journall of the Daily Proceedings of that Parliament begun Nov. 1640; with Speeches, &c. Regulations and Register of the Institute of Chemistry. Sampson's History of Advertising from the the Earliest Times. Shakespearian—Dyer's Folk Lore of Shakespeare; Fleay's Chronicle History of the Life and Work of W. Shakespeare; Griffith's Morality of Shakespeare's Drama Illustrated; Is there any Resemblance between Shakespeare and Bacon? and Kinnear's Cruces Shakespeare. Sidney's Book of the Horse. Skrine's Account of the Rivers of Note in Great Britain. Smyth's Panorama of History. Statement as to the Origin, &c., of the City of London. Tegnér's Frithiof-Saga. Tit-Bits 1000 Answers to 1000 Questions. Trade Marks Journal, 1876-93. Victorian Patents and Patentees. Walcot's (Peter Pindar) Works. Wingfield's Notes on Civil Costume in England from the Conquest to the Regency. Woman's Mission, a Series of Congress Papers (Chicago, 1893).

Works in parts or volumes as published have here, too, been added—such as Board of Trade and Trade Marks Journals, Dictionary of National Biography, Early English Text and Palæontographical Societies' Publications, Gentleman's Magazine Library, Historical Manuscripts Commission's Report, and New English Dictionary; also Proceedings and Reports of the Egypt and Palestine Exploration Funds, Geologists' Association, Royal Agricultural and Royal Geographical Societies, Royal Colonial Institute, and Smithsonian Institution (America). The following are periodically bound:—Daylight, Eastern Daily Press, Norfolk Daily Standard, Times (daily edition, and Index thereto, purchased as published), the leading Illustrated Magazines and Newspapers, and Literary, Professional, and Religious Journals.

The Trustees of the British Museum have kindly forwarded Catalogues of Birds, vol. 21; British Echinoderms; Madreporarian Corals, vol. 1; Seals in the Department of Manuscripts; Snakes, vol. 1; and of the printed Books, 19 parts; also the Guide to Sowerby's Models of British Fungi.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Atkinson and Martineau's Laws of Man's Nature and Development. Baker's Overflowings of Waters in 1607. Barrett's Religion in Daily Life. Borrow's Romano Lavo-Lil, or English Gypsy Language. Cooper's Military Cabinet. Doughty's Our Wherry in Wendish Lands, from Friesland to Bohemia. Duckett's Skein Unravelled. Elvin's Handbook of the Orders of Chivalry, War Medals, and Crosses. Emerson's English Lagoons. England's Enquiry into the Morals of the Ancients. Falkner's Christian Loyalty (1679). Fleet Papers, Letters to T. Thornhill, Riddlesworth. Gurney's Literal Translation of the Saxon Chronicle. Haigh's Numismatic History of the Kingdom of the East Angles. Harrod's Report on the Deeds and Records of King's Lynn. Headley's Select Beauties of Ancient English Poetry. Hissey's Tour through the Eastern Counties. Hope's Legendary Lore of the Holy Wells of England. Jameson and Eastlake's History of Our Lord as Exemplified in Works of Art. Jessopp's Random Roaming and other Papers. Knights's Shakespeare's Hamlet Interpreted. Lawrence's Mercurius Centralis, Discourse of Shells found in Norfolk, 1664. Mackinlay's Saint Edmund, King and Martyr. Marryat's Life and Letters. Milbourne's Mysteries in Religion Vindicated (1692). Muriel's Two Months in the Jungle. Nash's Stenography. Nelson's Letters and Despatches, Selected by J. K. Laughton. Norfolk Cricket and Football Annuals. Norwich and Lowestoft Navigation Bill, Act, Deeds, &c. Paine's Life, with a History of His Career by M. D. Conway. Parkin's History and Antiquities of Norwich. Pedigrees of Gentlemen in Norfolk (MS.) Redgrave's Dictionary of Artists of the British School. Rivers of the East Coast. Scot's High-Waies of God and the King (1623). Scott's Sermons at the French Church, Norwich. Simpson's Leaves from My Sketch Book. Skelton's Pithy, Pleasaunt, and Profitable Works. Spelman's Concilia, Decreta, Leges, Constitvtiones, in re Ecclesiarum Orbis Britannici. Stebbing's Polemical Tracts. Stoughton's Recollections of a Long Life. Walpole's Works, 5 vols. (1798).

There have also been added as published, by presentation, or as special opportunities to purchase arose—East Anglian Notes and Queries, May Blossoms, Norfolk and Norwich Archæological Society's Papers, Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society's Transactions, Norvicensian, and Norwich C.E.Y.M.S. Journal; and Engravings, Etchings, Maps, Old Newspapers, Ordnance Survey Sheets, Pamphlets, Portraits, Views, &c., of a specially local nature.

Annual Reports from the following similar Libraries have been received, the figures where given denoting the number of the Report and apparent age of the Library:—Aberdeen 9, Battersea 6, Belfast 5, Birkenhead 37, Birmingham 31, Blackburn 31, Blackpool 12, Bradford 23, Buxton 4, Camberwell and Lambeth (Minet) 3, Cambridge 38, Cardiff 31, Cheltenham 9, Chester 15, Derby 22, Ealing 10, Fulham 6, Glasgow (Baillie's Institution), Hammersmith, Handsworth 13, Hanley 6, Holborn 1, Hove 1, Leamington Spa, Leek 5, Liverpool 40, Los Angeles (California) 5, Manchester 41, Plymouth 16, Portsmouth 9, Richmond 12, Sheffield 37, Smethwick, St. Helen's 15, St Martin-in-the-Fields 3, Swansea 19, Twickenham 11, Tynemouth 23, Westminster 36, Wolverhampton 24. Also recent Reports from the Deptford Library and Club, New York Maimonides Library, and Oxford Bodleian Library.

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*The following Magazines, Reviews, Newspapers, Directories, &c., are placed in the Reading-Rooms. Those marked * are placed in the Women's Reading-Room, and those marked † are presented.*

ANNUALLY.

Australian Year-Book
Cambridge University Calendar
Canadian Statistical Year-Book
Church of England Year-Book
College of Preceptors Calendar
Congregational Year-Book
†Co-operative Societies Annual
†County Council Year-Book
Crockford's Clerical Directory
†Dublin University Calendar
†Durham University Calendar
†East Anglian Handbook
Hazell's Annual
†Imperial Institute Year-Book
London University Calendar
Oxford University Calendar
Statesman's Year-Book
Times Annual
†Trinity College, London, Calendar
†University Corresp. Coll. Calendar

QUARTERLY.

Edinburgh Review
Navy List
Quarterly Review

MONTHLY.

All the Year Round
*†Animal World (1 in Men's)
*Argosy (1 in Men's)
Army List
*Art Journal
*Atalanta
Atlantic Monthly
Belgravia
Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine
Board of Trade Journal
†Building Society's Gazette
†Canadian Patent Office Record
*Cassell's Family Mag. (1 in Men's)
*Century Illustrated
*Chambers's Journal (1 in Men's)
†Child's Guardian
*†Concord (1 in Men's)
Contemporary Review
Cornhill Magazine
†Cottager and Artizan
†Educational Times
*English Illustrated Magazine
*†Financial Reformer (1 in Men's)
†Fire and Water
Fortnightly Review
*†Free Life (1 in Men's)

MONTHLY—*(continued)*.

†Free Russia
Gentleman's Magazine
*Girl's Own Paper
*†Glad Tidings (1 in Men's)
Good Words
*Harper's Magazine
*Household Words
Idler
†Imperial Federation
†Insurance and Banking Review
†Jewish Intelligence
†Journal of Professional Musicians
†Labour Gazette
*Ladies' Gazette of Fashion
*Ladies' Treasury
Leisure Hour
London Society
Longman's Magazine
Macmillan's Magazine
†Miller, Technical Issue
*†Musical Herald, Tonic Sol-Fa Rep.
*†Musical Times
National Review
†Nature Notes
†New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century
*†Our Own Gazette
*†Our Work at Home and Abroad
†Personal Rights Journal
†Phillips's Machinery Register
†Plumber and Decorator
†Practical Photographer
Quiver
Review of Reviews
Science Gossip
*Scribner's Magazine
Strand Magazine
*Sunday at Home
*Sylvia's Home Journal
Temple Bar
†Tract Magazine
†University Correspondent
†Vaccination Inquirer
†Vegetarian Messenger
Westminster Review
Zoologist
†Zoophilist

FORTNIGHTLY.

Civil Service Aspirant
†Present Truth

TRI-WEEKLY.

Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart

BI-WEEKLY.

*†Norwich Mercury (1 in Men's), 1 given

WEEKLY.

Army and Navy Gazette
Athenæum
Australasian
†Boot and Shoe Trades Journal
†Boston Independent
Boy's Own Paper
Builder
Building News
†Bullionist
†Cambridge Independent
†Canadian Gazette
Cassell's Saturday Journal
†Catholic Times
†Christian Life and Unitarian Her.
*†Christian World (2 in Men's), 1 giv.
*Christian World, Family Circle Ed.
*Church Times
*†Civil Service Competitor (1 in Men's)
†Colliery Guardian
†Colonies and India, and American Visitor
*†Co-operative News (1 in Men's)
*†Cromer and North Walsham Post
*†Daylight (2 in Men's)
Detroit Free Press
†Drapers' Record
*†Eastern Weekly Press
Electrician
Engineer
Engineering
England
English Mechanic
Era
*Family Herald, and Supplement
Field
*Fun
Gardeners' Magazine
†Gardening World
*Graphic (1 in Men's)
*Guardian
*Illus. London News (1 in Men's)
Illus. Official Journal (Patents)
Invention
*†Ipswich Journal
†Journal of Society of Arts
Judy
*Lady's Pictorial
Land and Water
†Literary World
†Lowestoft Journal
†Lowestoft Standard
†Lynn Advertiser
†Lynn News and County Press
Mechanical World
†Metropolitan
*†Midland Counties Herald

WEEKLY—(*continued*).

†Money
†Montreal Witness
Nature
Newcastle Chronicle
*†Norfolk Chronicle (1 in Men's), 1 given
*†Norfolk News (1 in Men's) 1 given
*†Norfolk Weekly Standard and Argus (1 in Men's) 1 given
Notes and Queries
*†Our Weekly
Pall Mall Budget
*†People's Weekly Journal
Phonetic Journal
Public Opinion
*Punch (1 in Men's)
*Queen
†Rural World
Saturday Review
†School Board Chronicle
*School Guardian
Schoolmaster
*Schoolmistress
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List
Speaker
Spectator
†Sydney Mail
†Tablet
†Tailor and Cutter
*†Temperance Chronicle (1 in Men's)
United Ireland
Volunteer Service Gazette
†Weekly Register
Weekly Sun
Westminster Budget
*†Worcester Herald
Work
Workman's Times
†Yarmouth Independent
*Young Ladies' Journal

DAILY.

Birmingham Post
Chronicle (in Lobby)
East Anglian Times (in Lobby)
*†Eastern Daily Press (2 in Men's) 1 given
†Eastern Evening News (1 also in Lobby) 1 given
Echo (in Lobby)
Manchester Guardian
News
Norfolk Standard (in Lobby)
Pall Mall Gazette
*Standard (1 in Men's)
Star (in Lobby)
*Telegraph (1 in Men's)
Times
Westminster Gazette
Yorkshire Post

Railway Time Tables.

Bradshaw, and Continental in season
†Cook's Excursionist
†Great Eastern
†Great Eastern Continental
†Great Northern
†Great Western
†London and North Western
†London and South Western
†London, Brighton, and South Coast
†London, Chatham, and Dover
†Midland
†Midland and Gt. Northern Joint
†Norwich—Fletcher'sandJarrold's
†South Eastern

Kelly's Directories.

Beds, Hunts, and Northamptonshire
Berks, Bucks, and Oxon
Birmingham, Staffs, Warwickshire, and Worcestershire
Cambs, Norfolk, and Suffolk
Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Rutland, and Notts
Devonshire and Cornwall
Essex, Herts, and Middlesex
Kent, Surrey, and Sussex
Lancashire, Liverpool, and Manchester
Lincolnshire, with Hull and Neighbourhood
London
London Suburban
Somersetshire and Gloucestershire, with Bristol
Yorks (West Riding; and North and East Ridings, with York)

A B C Hotel Guide for Travellers and Tourists
Acts of Parliament—Educational, Local, Social, &c.
Advertiser's A B C of Official Scales and Charges and Press Directory
Almanacks—British, Financial Reform, Whitaker's, &c.
Bartlett's Familiar Quotations; and Southgate's Many Thoughts
Brewer's Historic Note-Book, Phrase and Fable, and Reader's Handbook
Bryan's Dictionary of Painters and Engravers
Business Directory of London and Provincial and Foreign Trade Guide
Chambers's (ed. by E. Preston) and Dougal & Co.'s Indexes to Next of Kin
Civil Service Year-Book and Guides—A B C, Cassell's, and Johnson's
Commercial Directory of the United Kingdom and the Continent
Dictionaries—Dutch, French, German, Greek, Latin, Portuguese, Welsh
Directories—Foresters', Medical, and Rechabite
Export Merchant Shippers and Manufacturers' Trade Directory
Eyre's Hotels of the United Kingdom
Haydn's Dictionary of Dates; and Townsend's Manual of Dates
Howard's Roads of England and Wales
International Mercantile Directory
Kelly's Directory of Merchants, Manufacturers, and Shippers
Kelly's Handbook to the Titled, Landed, and Official Classes
King's Classical and Foreign Quotations, Translations and Indexes
Lodge's Peerage and Baronetage of the British Empire
Men and Women of the Reign, and of the Time.
Patents for Inventions—Abridgments of Specifications
Perry's Manufacturers and Merchants' Directory and Mercantile Guide
Sell's Dictionary of the World's Press and Advertisers' Reference Book
Spencer's Things New and Old; and Cawdray's Treasury of Similes
Stubbs's Directory of Great Britain and the Continent
The Book of Mormon, the Koran, and the Talmud.

The Shipping Gazette and Time Tables are placed in the Lobby.

Financial Statement for the Year ending March 24th, 1894.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand, March 25th, 1893 ...	29	13	10
„ 1d. in the £ raised with the Borough Rate	1190	0	0
„ Rents	50	1	11
„ Sale of Borrowers' Cards	15	9	8
„ Sale of Catalogues	9	12	9
„ Books, Post Cards, Waste, &c.	9	3	10
„ School of Art proportion of cost of Water	2	15	1
Total	£1306	17	1

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
By Salaries and Wages	482	1	9
„ Books	160	15	2
„ Newspapers and Periodicals	84	8	9
„ Bookbinding and Numbering	104	7	5
„ Printing and Stationery	27	18	9
„ Binding Catalogues	3	8	0
„ Insurance	9	4	6
„ Gas and Coals	6	3	4
„ Repairs to Buildings	25	3	1
„ Furniture and Repairs	12	17	3
„ Electric Light	86	5	0
„ Sundries	19	5	4
„ Balance in hand, March 24th, 1894 ...	284	18	9
Total	£1306	17	1

Amount received by the Librarian for Fines, £56 11s. 9d.; Balance in hand per last Report, £11 17s 8d.; total, £68 9s. 5d.; expended in the formation of a Collection of Local Books, &c., £67 6s. 8d.; Balance in hand, March 24th, 1894, £1 2s. 9d.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath, out of such part of my personal Estate as may by Law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Treasurer for the time being of the City of Norwich Corporation, the sum of

(free from Legacy Duty), for the benefit of the Norwich Free Library, to be expended in such way as the Commiteee for the time being may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the said Treasurer shall be an effectual discharge for the same legacy.

*I bequeath**

* *Books, Pictures, or other objects of Art or Interest.*

to the Treasurer for the time being of the City of Norwich Corporation, for the benefit of the Norwich Free Library, either for exhibition or such other purposes as the Committee for the time being deem expedient; and I direct any Legacy Duty which may be payable thereon to be paid by my Executors out of my personal Estate; and I further direct that the Receipt of the said Treasurer shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

Donations may be intimated to the Librarian, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

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With the Librarian's Compliments.

University of Illinois,
Library School

CITY OF NORWICH.

THE REPORT

OF THE

Free Library Committee

TO THE

TOWN COUNCIL.

1894-5.

EDWARD BURGESS, PRINTER, NORWICH.

CITY OF NORWICH.

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FREE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,

From March 26th, 1894, to March 25th, 1895.

Mayor, Lieut-Col. BIGNOLD. **Sheriff, S. G. HILL, Esq.**

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RICHARD LLOYD AND ARTHUR A. PYE, ASSISTANTS.
W. H. HALL, READING-ROOM ATTENDANT. J. FINCH, SUNDAY ATTENDANT.

The Quarterly Meetings of the Committee will be held at the Library, at 4 p.m. on the following days:—

April 10th, July 10th, and October 9th, 1895; and January 8th, 1896.

The Sub-Committees meet when required, and are specially summoned.

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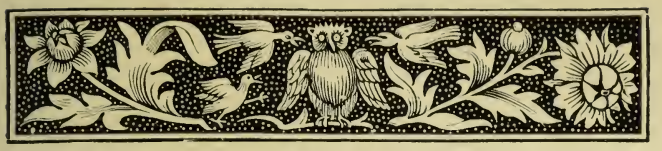
"They who have no taste for well-written books will often be at a loss how to spend their time; and the consequences of such a state are too frequent not to be known, and too fatal not to be avoided."—*Knox.*



REPORT.

In presenting this, the seventeenth Annual Report of the present Librarian, the Committee have nothing of a special character to bring under the notice of the Council respecting the working of the institution during the past year, except its growing requirements.

The desire for reading and research amongst the resources of the Library is as strong as ever, and the circulation of books has maintained a daily average of 395 for every day the Library has been open, compared with 372 last year. The Reading-Room is now somewhat inadequate and inconvenient for the increasing number of readers and for the display of periodical literature, and this matter is receiving the attention of the Committee.

The work in the Lending Department is carried on with increasing difficulty from lack of space. Acting under the direction of the Committee the City Engineer provided plans for fitting up the "Bird Room" of the old Museum, to provide accommodation for the Reference Department and extended space for the Lending Department. Tenders were advertised for carrying out this work, and were on the table at the

quarterly meeting in January, when it was decided to return them unopened to the tenderers, because during the interval the larger question of the purchase of the old Museum and other buildings, for the purpose of providing permanent homes for the Technical School and the School of Art, adjoining the Library was being considered, and it was deemed advisable to wait for the report of the Joint Sub-Committees on the whole subject.

Meantime no progress has been or can be made in arranging and cataloguing the Reference Department, and nothing but extreme dissatisfaction can be felt whilst much of this valuable Library remains in its present unsatisfactory and comparatively useless state. This question was referred to in the last Annual Report, and the Committee are anxious to be in a position to deal with it with as little delay as possible. The Catalogue of the Lending Department, now numbering 16208 volumes, is kept complete up to date by periodical supplements.

The wear and tear of the books in the Juvenile Department was found so considerable when they were last called in that 1700 had to be re-bound or repaired, and in the four circulations about 800 volumes have been found defective or worn out and withdrawn. The Committee therefore decided to issue the reduced number of books, to such schools as made application for them, under more systematic regulations, by which it is hoped more satisfactory results will be secured. After being thoroughly repaired 2770 volumes were delivered in February last to the twenty-four schools which duly applied for them.

The Juvenile Department may be held to some extent to supply the place of Branch Libraries, the provision of which the present income of the Free Library is insufficient to satisfactorily establish.

The Committee-Room has been again used by members of the Norwich Students' Association and by the Public Circles of

the Norwich Branch of the National Home Reading Union, the subjects and leaders of the latter being—Close of Session of 1893-4: "Shakespeare," Bosworth Harcourt, Esq.; "English Literature (Nineteenth Century)," Rev. J. H. Rogers, M.A.; and "French Literature," Mr. C. Gould—Session of 1894-5: "Modern French Literature," Mr. C. Gould; "English History (1350-1660)," Rev. W. Hudson, M.A.; and "Hygienic Science," Dr. H. Cooper Pattin, M.A. The room has also been in general use for consulting works in connection with the University Extension and Norfolk County Council Lectures and the books of the Reference Department.

The attendances at the Reading-Room on Sundays have been steadily maintained at the average of former years.

The worn-out and discarded books have been sent as usual to the City Asylum, the Workhouse, and the Isolation Hospital.

The good order maintained in the Reading and Lending Departments affords ample testimony to the careful attention and tact of the Librarian and his assistants.

THOMAS S. BREESE,
Chairman.

On pages 8 to 19 are particulars of the borrowers (ages, sexes, and occupations, with the wards in which they resided), borrowers' cards, issues of books for 1894-5 and from 1878, the Juvenile Department, selections of books, &c., and the donors—but the following compressed statistics show more readily the position and working of the Library in the year 1894-5 :—

LENDING DEPARTMENT—

Stock, 16208 volumes; being in—

Art, Science, and Political Economy ...	1786	increase	43
Biography and Correspondence	1409	„	19
Poetry and Drama	667	„	22
Fiction	5141	„	266
History and Travel	2142	„	23
Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellaneous...	4101	„	107
Law and Theology...	645	„	10
Natural History	317	„	7
Totals	16208	„	497
„ last year	15711	„	749

Days opened	235	last year	232
Borrowers' Cards issued (inclu. duplicates) say	3400	„	3700
Actual number of borrowers, say ...	3800	„	3850
New borrowers	968	„	874
Average issues to each borrower... ...	24	„	22

Issues, 92730 (96582 volumes); being in—

Art, Science, and Political Economy ...	2555	increase	251
Biography and Correspondence... ...	1099	decrease	199
Poetry and Drama	640	„	86
Fiction	75413	increase	6735
History and Travel	2676	decrease	585
Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellaneous	9207	increase	289
Law and Theology...	577	„	112
Natural History	563	decrease	142
Totals	92730	increase	6375
„ last year	86355	decrease	5267
Average daily issues	395	last year	372

Issues in 1878, 26308—averaging 99 daily.

LENDING DEPARTMENT—*(continued).*

Fines for overdue books	£51/12/2	last year	£56/11/9
Catalogues	£8/8/7	„	£9/12/9
Books replaced	253	„	333
Books sent to Binders (including Juvenile Department)	2336	„	1444
Juvenile Department—			
Stock, volumes	3093	„	3893
Books at 36 schools, see page 14 ...	3570	„	3570
Books sent to 24 schools, see page 15 ...	2770	„	...
Months books issued	6	„	7
Issues	26071	„	48518
Total Lending Stock, volumes...	19301	„	19604
„ Issues (Library and Schools) volumes ...	122653	„	138713

PRESENT STOCK—

Books—			
Lending Department	16208	increase	497
Ditto (Juvenile)	3093	decrease	800
Reference Department	8197	increase	323
Ditto (Local Collection)	2805	„	159
Totals	30303	„	179
„ last year	30124	„	1435
Pamphlets—			
Reference Department	2012	„	107
Ditto (Local Collection)	3643	„	181
Totals	5655	„	288
„ last year	5367	„	578

Stock in December, 1877, about 3500 books.

PERCENTAGES (excluding Juvenile Department)—

Lending Stock (16208 volumes)... ...	16·05	per cent of	population.
Issues (92730)	91 84	„	„
Actual Borrowers (say 3800)	3·76	„	„
Total Stock (27210 volumes)	26·95	„	„

The Lending Department is open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., except Sundays, Thursdays, Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Bank Holidays; and the Reading-Rooms for Men and Women (on the first floor) are open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., except Sundays (when it is from 3 to 9 p.m.), Christmas Day, and Good Friday.

Ages of Borrowers.

	New Borrowers in 1894-5	Borrowers ince Dec. 1st, 1877.
Above 14 and under 20	409 ...	8043
„ 20 „ 25	139 ...	2261
„ 25 „ 30	105 ..	1580
„ 30 „ 35	85 ...	1096
„ 35 „ 40	61 ...	826
„ 40 „ 45	32 ...	578
„ 45 „ 50	28 ...	386
„ 50 „ 55	21 ...	323
„ 55 „ 60	11 ...	186
„ 60	19 ...	395
Not stated	58 ...	1107
Totals	968 ...	16781

Cards Issued, and Sexes of Borrowers.

Years.	Cards Issued.	New Borrowers.				Borrowers since Dec. 1st, 1877.
1877-8* ...	1545 ...	1545	(260 females,	1285 males)	...	1545
1879 ...	1782 ...	802	(201 „	601 „)	...	2347
1880 ...	2000 ...	770	(202 „	568 „)	...	3117
1881 ...	2000 ...	683	(193 „	490 „)	...	3800
1882 ...	2200 ...	780	(226 „	554 „)	...	4580
1883 ...	2500 ...	934	(284 „	650 „)	...	5514
1884 ...	2850 ...	952	(343 „	609 „)	...	6466
1885 ...	3250 ...	1034	(414 „	620 „)	...	7500
1886-7† ...	3739 ...	1319	(541 „	778 „)	...	8819
1887-8 ...	3900 ...	1020	(425 „	595 „)	...	9839
1888-9 ...	3820 ...	1020	(450 „	570 „)	...	10859
1889-90 ...	4060 ..	1058	(510 „	548 „)	...	11917
1890-91 ...	4100 ...	953	(431 „	522 „)	...	12870
1891-2 ...	4100 ...	1063	(439 „	624 „)	...	13933
1892-3 ...	4200 ...	1006	(464 „	542 „)	...	14939
1893-4 ...	3700 ...	874	(421 „	453 „)	...	15813
1894-5 ...	3400 ...	968	(495 „	473 „)	...	16781
Totals	53146 ...	16781	(6299 „	10482 „)		

* Thirteen Months. † Fifteen Months.

Occupations of New Borrowers.

Agents	4
Apprentices	2
Assistants	21
Baker and Confectioners ...	3
Bookbinders	2
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	19
Boxmakers	10
Brushmakers	2
Cabinet-maker and Carver ...	2
Carmen	4
Carpenters and Joiners ...	10
Chemists and Dentist ...	3
Clergyman and Minister ..	2
Clerks	70
Clickers	10
Clothier and Hosier ...	2
Cutters	3
Dealers and Shopkeepers ...	10
Decorators	2
Domestic Servants ...	28
Drapers	14
Dressmakers and Milliners ...	40
Electricians	3
Engineers	6
Engraver and Lithographer...	2
Errand Boys	23
Finishers...	2
Fitters	13
Fruiterers	3
Gardeners	2
Grocers	11
Grooms	4
Hairdressers	4
Housekeepers	10
Carried forward	346

Brought forward	346
Ironmongers	3
Labourers	12
Machinists	18
Manageress and Managers ...	4
Matrons	3
Midwives	2
Musicians	2
Nurses	6
Organ Builders	2
Outfitters	2
Packer and Porters ...	10
Painter and Plumbers ...	4
Photographers	9
Printers	27
Railway Employés ...	12
Scholars and Students ...	32
Schoolmasters, Mistresses, and Teachers	50
Seedsmen	3
Soldiers	2
Stationers	2
Surveyors	2
Tailors and Tailoresses ...	26
Tobacconists	3
Travellers	7
Turners	2
Upholsteresses	2
Warehousemen	8
Wheelwrights	2
Miscellaneous	62
Not stated	303
Total	968

Wards wherein Borrowers Resided.

		Population in 1891.	New Borrowers in 1894-5.	Borrower since Dec. 1st, 1877.
1.	Conisford ...	6091 ...	78	16781
2.	Ber Street ...	8426 ...	61	
3.	Mancroft ...	4573 ..	54	
4.	Westwick ...	6852 ...	85	
5.	Coslany ...	6691 ...	42	
6.	Fye Bridge ...	7775 ...	40	
7.	Thorpe ...	5420 ...	69	
8.	Lakenham ...	5450 ...	41	
9	Town Close ...	5970 ...	51	
10.	Eaton ...	6971 ...	108	
11.	Nelson ...	6216 ...	81	
12.	Earlham ...	5712 ...	86	
13.	Heigham ...	5963 ...	41	
14.	Wensum ...	6224 ...	51	
15.	Catton ...	7016 ...	50	
16.	Mousehold ...	5620 ...	30	
	Totals	100970	968	

In previous Reports the above statistics were given for the *Eight Wards* into which the City was formerly divided, the total of 15813 Borrowers to 1893-4 being apportioned as follows:—First Ward, 1169; Second, 1074; Third, 6132; Fourth, 387; Fifth, 1596; Sixth, 1715; Seventh, 2249; and Eighth, 1491.

Classified Register of Issues of Books for 1894-5.

Months. 1894-5.	Days open.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corspondnce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellanus.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Monthly Issues.	Average Daily Issues.
March (aft. 25th)	4	39	25	15	1625	44	197	9	15	1969	492
April	21	236	118	62	6839	195	868	62	73	8453	403
May	21	203	106	49	6517	228	835	55	67	8060	384
June	22	232	118	55	6668	242	809	49	62	8235	374
July	22	214	107	46	6198	234	711	67	59	7636	347
August	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
September ...	21	223	76	46	6298	200	680	41	50	7614	363
October	23	270	80	64	6776	265	774	48	30	8307	361
November... ...	21	236	101	51	6725	263	859	41	30	8306	396
December... ...	20	217	94	62	6521	262	851	62	40	8109	405
January	22	244	90	62	7506	289	937	52	38	9218	419
February	20	229	85	72	7055	241	897	48	60	8687	434
March (to 25th)	18	212	99	56	6685	213	789	43	39	8136	452
Totals	235	2555	1099	640	75413	2676	9207	577	563	92730	395
Percentages'94-5	...	2·75	1·18	0·69	81·33	2·89	9·93	0·62	0 61	...	...
Percentages'93-4	...	2 67	1·50	0·84	79·53	3·78	10·33	0·54	0·81	...	...

Classified Register of Issues of Books from 1878 to 1894-5.

Years.	Days open.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corspondnce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellanus.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Yearly Issues.	Average Daily Issues.
1878	267	978	1132	595	18485	1814	2779	270	255	26308	99
1879	291	843	964	353	21300	1828	3443	560	911	30202	104
1880	290	1141	1697	639	19733	3030	5119	339	336	32034	110
1881	231	907	1903	501	18881	2749	7323	295	277	32836	142
1882	196	921	1311	318	19318	2577	5736	211	500	30892	158
1883	244	1437	1148	566	32586	3033	9512	202	422	48906	200
1884	242	1547	1315	550	41233	3217	9396	192	356	57806	239
1885	238	1751	1742	552	47326	2891	10755	282	704	66003	277
*1886	239	1779	1734	510	55318	3433	11251	317	774	75116	314
1887	60	434	379	124	15042	687	3037	95	113	19911	332
1887–8	242	1713	1271	763	57440	2342	12728	293	700	77250	319
1888–9	233	2199	1170	809	60849	2465	12361	364	848	81065	348
1889–90	235	2639	1501	844	67297	3089	12199	455	828	88852	378
1890–91	235	2737	1570	887	69096	3223	12020	536	914	90983	387
1891–2	234	2772	1607	871	71593	4045	10480	473	942	92783	397
1892–3	233	2700	1543	791	71245	4430	9536	454	923	91622	392
1893–4	232	2304	1298	726	68678	3261	8918	465	705	86355	372
1894–5	235	2555	1099	640	75413	2676	9207	577	563	92730	395
Totals	4177	31357	24384	11039	830833	50790	155800	6380	11071	1121654	269
Perentg.	...	2·80	2·17	0·98	74 07	4·53	13·89	0·57	0·99	...	...

* In 1887 the Library year commenced March 26th instead of January 1st. For comparing yearly issues those for 1886 and the first three months of 1887 are given as above; and on page 13, for comparing monthly issues, those for March (after 25th), 1887 to 1894, are added to those for March (to 25th), 1888 to 1895 respectively.

Monthly Issues of Books from 1878 to 1894-5.

Years.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Yearly Totals.
1878	2092	2245	2576	2384	2455	2172	2374	2173	615	2438	2620	2166	26308
1879	2791	2649	3094	2688	2542	2162	2714	1109	2033	2862	2708	2850	30202
1880	2936	2840	2586	3105	3012	2864	2835	1217	1686	3113	3168	2672	32034
1881	2517	2842	3180	3162	2878	2736	2873	527	2442	3300	3319	3060	32836
1882	2818	3410	3709	3489	3568	3425	3596	1301	closed ten	wks extra	2180	3396	30892
1883	4197	3895	4703	4324	4332	4069	4034	1461	3973	4870	4720	4328	48906
1884	4040	5049	5640	5119	5399	4666	4806	1620	5148	5378	5558	5383	57806
1885	5607	5520	6190	5393	5775	5484	5515	1940	5710	6799	6200	5870	66003
*1886	6826	6683	7913	6696	6891	6226	6011	1880	5870	6919	6988	6213	75116
1887	7198	6652	6061	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19911
	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	
1887–8	6429	6565	6145	6256	2080	6400	7098	7259	6931	7325	7207	7555	77250
1888–9	7273	6903	6718	6682	...	6737	7374	7435	7461	7880	7746	8856	81065
1889–90	7895	7636	7061	7718	...	7506	8242	8729	7725	8990	8445	8905	88852
1890–91	8330	8168	7649	7994	..	8236	8349	8212	7839	9106	8252	8848	90983
1891–2	7535	8405	7751	7738	...	8341	8886	8619	8201	9702	9377	8228	92783
1892–3	8489	8001	7229	7836	...	8079	8838	8872	8345	9389	8633	7911	91622
1893–4	7845	6706	6657	7353	...	7572	8182	8027	7997	9383	8316	8317	86355
1894–5	8453	8060	8235	7636	...	7614	8307	8306	8109	9218	8687	10105	92730
Totals	98609	97296	91249	93971	15308	87960	100955	102920	98546	112015	108448	114377	1121654
Perentg.	8·79	8·67	8·13	8·38	1·36	7·84	9·00	9·18	8·79	9·99	9·67	10·20	...

* See note on page 12.

Issues of Books in Elementary Schools for 1894-5.

(In Fourth Circulation.)

SCHOOLS. Scholars in Standard IV. and upwards.	Books Sent.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Total Issues.	Times Books Issued.	Average per Time.
Bull Close Road ...	155	411	165	339	90	1005	13	77
Crook's Place	200	354	270	290	19	933	13	72
Heigham Street ...	100	263	114	162	...	539	12	45
Lakenham	75	141	71	113	...	325	10	33
Model	160	199	...	133	73	405	6	68
Nelson Street	240	346	258	465	83	1152	13	89
Old Meeting	50	...	80	165	24	269	7	38
St. Augustine, Junior...	45	105	75	98	...	278	11	25
St. Augustine, Senior...	265	683	790	946	...	2419	13	186
St. Peter Mancroft ...	65	33	...	...	...	33	1	33
St. Philip	75	127	73	84	...	284	8	36
St. Stephen	55	58	51	87	45	241	14	17
Surrey Road	85	66	80	38	...	184	8	23
Thorpe Hamlet ...	130	241	248	407	78	974	13	75
Boys' Schools ...	1700	3027	2275	3327	412	9041	142	64
Earlham	45	36	26	19	...	81	9	9
*Eaton	45	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Philadelphia	45	55	28	70	9	162	12	14
Quay Side	105	...	...	13	4	17	2	9
Roman Catholic ...	60	110	134	132	28	404	13	31
St. Martin-at-Palace..	45	91	56	68	...	215	11	20
St. Stephen	45	70	49	99	...	218	10	22
Mixed Schools ...	390	362	293	401	41	1097	57	19
Bull Close Road ...	120	429	79	165	...	673	10	67
Crook's Place... ...	180	775	482	631	192	2080	14	149
Heigham Street ...	80	239	268	343	65	915	14	65
Horn's Lane	65	256	190	292	55	793	13	61
Lakenham	65	164	116	108	...	388	10	39
Model	120	18	22	7	2	49	8	6
Nelson Street... ..	160	497	342	569	116	1524	13	117
Octagon	70	126	55	187	27	395	12	33
St. Augustine... ...	220	309	283	375	60	1027	14	73
*St. Bartholomew ...	60	131	...	...	...	131	4	33
St. Giles	60	56	62	40	...	158	7	23
St. Miles	55	111	47	87	..	245	10	25
St. Philip	60	104	97	119	58	378	7	54
Surrey Road	70	75	35	98	27	235	12	20
Thorpe Hamlet ...	95	116	46	126	...	288	10	29
Girls' Schools ...	1480	3406	2124	3147	602	9279	158	59
Boys' Schools ...	1700	3027	2275	3327	412	9041	142	64
Mixed Schcols ...	390	362	293	401	41	1097	57	19
Totals	3570	6795	4692	6875	1055	19417	357	54

* Closed for a time in consequence of sickness.

Issues of Books in Elementary Schools for 1894-5.

(In Fifth Circulation.)

SCHOOLS. Scholars in Standard IV. and upwards.	Books Sent.	Feb.	Mar.	Total Issues.	Times Books Issued.	Average per Time.
Bull Close Road	160	...	549	549	5	110
Crook's Place...	200	121	382	503	5	101
Heigham Street	100	..	161	161	3	54
Lakenham	120	50	285	335	6	56
St. Augustine, Senior ...	280	225	1263	1488	6	248
St. Philip	80	...	121	121	3	40
St. Stephen	60	4	8	12	3	4
Surrey Road	90	...	157	157	5	31
Thorpe Hamlet	180	...	424	424	5	85
Boys' Schools	1270	400	3350	3750	41	91
Avenue Road...	180	66	392	458	5	92
*Eaton	50	...	54	54	4	14
St. Martin-at-Palace ...	50	58	123	181	6	30
St. Stephen	50	22	93	115	5	23
Mixed Schools	330	146	662	808	20	40
Bull Close Road	130	39	462	501	6	83
Heigham Street	80	...	131	131	2	66
Horn's Lane	80	..	238	238	4	60
Lakenham	100	25	194	219	6	37
Model	120	...	153	153	5	31
Nelson Street...	170	...	419	419	5	84
St. Augustine...	220	...	305	305	3	102
St. Giles	70	...	157	157	5	31
St. Miles	60	...	73	73	2	37
St. Philip	70	58	174	232	4	58
Surrey Road	70	26	104	130	6	22
Girls' Schools	1170	148	2410	2558	48	53
Boys' Schools	1270	400	3350	3750	41	91
Mixed Schools	330	146	662	808	20	40
Totals	2770	694	6422	7116	109	65

* Closed for a time in consequence of sickness.

A Selection from the Additions to the Library during 1894-5.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Allen's Post-Prandial Philosophy. Argyll's (Duke of) Unseen Foundations of Society. Astley's Fifty Years of My Life. Ayers's Bowls, Bowling Greens, and Bowl Playing. Balfour's Essays and Addresses, and Foundations of Belief. Bamford's Passages in the Life of a Radical. Barmby's Plays for Young People. Barton's Ancient World. Besant (Annie), an Autobiography. Bewick (T.) and His Pupils, by A. Dobson. Brinsmead's History of the Pianoforte. Briscoe's Curiosities of the Belfry. Brooke's Tennyson, His Art and Relation to Modern Life. Chaucer (Student's), Complete, Ed. by W. W. Skeat. Chesterfield's Worldly Wisdom, Selections by G. B. Hill. Churchill's Men, Mines, and Animals in South Africa. Clark's Text-Book of Anatomy. Cowper's Life, by T. Wright. Daryl's Handbook of Quoits and Bowls. De Pressense's Contemporary Portraits. Defries's Browning Primer. Diderot and the Encyclopædists, by J. Morley. Dods's Philosophy of Mesmerism and Electrical Psychology. Drummond's Ascent of Man. Dyke's Poetry of Tennyson. Epochs in English History, Ed. by M. Creighton. Erasmus's Life and Letters, by J. A. Froude. Everett's Text-Book of Physics. Fraser's Episcopacy. Gladstone's Psalter, with Concordance, &c. Gwilt's Encyclopædia of Architecture. Hartwig's Tropical World. Hazlitt's Men and Manners. Hecker's Epidemics of the Middle Ages. Horton's Inspiration and the Bible. Hudson's Shakespeare, His Life, Art, and Characters. Jago's Organic Chemistry. James's French Poets and Novelists. Jusserand's French Ambassador at the Court of Charles II. Kidd's Social Evolution. Laing's Modern Zoroastrian. Le Caron's Twenty-five Years in the Secret Service. Le Gallienne's Prose Fancies, and Religion of a Literary Man. Lowry's Work of the Holy Spirit. Lubbock's Use of Life. Lytton's (E. B., Lord) Life, Letters, and Literary Remains. Kingsley's Historical Lectures and Essays. Macleod's Bimetalism. Marston's Poems. Martin's Chats on Invention. Morley's Compromise. Morris's Tales from the Dramatists. Reeves's Life and Recollections. Romanes's Thoughts on Religion. Roscoe's Elementary Chemistry. Rossetti's Poetical Works. Rossetti's (Maria F.) Shadow of Dante. Sala's London Up to Date. Shore's Dante for Beginners. Smedes's Southern Planter. Solly's "These Eighty Years," or the Story of an Unfinished Life. Spurgeon's Gems. Stead's If Christ Came to Chicago! Swinburne's Atalanta in Calydon. Tilden's Chemical Philosophy. Vernon's Harvest of a Quiet Eye. Vizetelly's Glances Back through Seventy Years. Walmsley's Zulu Land. Watson's Poachers and Poaching. Wood's Cruise of the Reserve Squadron.

The following series of works have been added to:—Contemporary Science, Fur and Feather, Gentleman's Magazine Library, International Humour, Popular County Histories, Preachers of the Age, Social Science, and Story of the Nations; and more works in French, others by leading novelists of the day, and the principal Magazines to date, have also been added.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Annotated Paragraph Bible. Atomic-Consciousness, an Explanation of Ghosts, &c. Booth's Aged Poor in England and Wales. Boyer's Dictionnaire Royal. Browning Society's Papers. Bunyan's Allegorical, Figurative, and Symbolical Works; with Notes by G. Offer. Census of England and Wales, 1891. Chaucer's Complete Works, Ed. by W. W. Skeat. Collen's Britannica Saxonica. Correct Guide to Letter Writing. Derby's (Earl) Speeches and Addresses. Gothenburg System of Liquor Traffic. Green's Short History of the English People, Illustrated. Green's (Alice S.) Town Life in the Fifteenth Century. Griffith's Cycle Calendar. Guest's History of English Rhythms. Ireland as It Is, and as It Would Be under Home Rule. Irving's Annals of Our Time. Kerner and Oliver's Natural History of Plants. Marston's Walton and some Earlier Writers on Fish and Fishing. Maryland, Its Climatology and Physical Features. Medals of England. Mudie's Account of National Medals. New South Wales, Its Wealth and Progress. Parliamentary Papers, Reports, and Returns on—Agriculture, Army, Building Societies, Census, Charity Commissioners, Colonies, Education, Electors, Emigration, Explosives, Finance, First Offenders, Fisheries, Foreign Trade, Friendly Societies, Labour, Local Government, Local Taxation, Marriage and Divorce, Navigation and Shipping, Opium, Police, Prisons, Railway, Science and Art, Scotland, Statistics, Trade, Trade Unions, and Truants. Public General Acts, 50th to 57th Victoria. Report of the Missionary Conference of the Anglican Communion, 1894. Reports of the British Association Meetings at Nottingham, 1893, and Oxford, 1894. Reports on Immigration from Eastern Europe Roberts's Holy Land, Egypt, and Nubia. Robinson's British Fleet. Schloss's Report on Profit-Sharing. Screws and Screw Making. Shakespearian—Bartlett's Concordance to the Dramatic Works of Shakespeare; Douce's Illustrations of Shakespeare and of Ancient Manners; Retzsch's Outlines to Shakespeare; Richardson's Essays on Shakespeare's Dramatic Characters; School of Shakespeare, Ed. by R. Simpson. Sharpe's London and the Kingdom. Smithsonian Institution Reports. Statistics of Public Libraries in the United States and Canada. Stopes's British Freewomen. Tegg's Wills of Their Own, Curious, Eccentric, and Benevolent. Thornbury and Walford's Old and New London. Turnor's Astra Castra, Experiments and Adventures in the Atmosphere. Vane's Church Folk-Lore. Welch's History of the Tower Bridge.

Works in parts or volumes as published have here, too, been added—such as Abridgments of Specifications for Patents, Board of Trade and Trade Marks Journals, Dictionary of National Biography, Early English Text and Palæontographical Societies' Publications, Gentleman's Magazine Library, Historical Manuscripts Commission's Report, Indexes to Periodical Literature, and New English Dictionary; also Proceedings and Reports of the Egypt and Palestine Exploration Funds, Royal Colonial Institute, Royal Geographical Society, and Smithsonian Institution (America). The following are periodically bound—Daylight, Eastern Daily Press, Norfolk Daily Standard, Times (daily edition, and Index thereto purchased as published), the leading Illustrated Magazines and Newspapers, and Literary, Professional, and Religious Journals.

The Trustees of the British Museum have kindly forwarded Catalogues of Birds, vols. 22 and 23; Collection of Fans and Fan-Leaves; English Coins, vol. 2; Mesozoic Plants, Walden Flora, pt. 1; Snakes vol. 2; and of the Printed Books, 26 parts; also Descriptive List of Hebrew and Samaritan MSS.; Index of Artists, vol. 1, Dutch, Flemish, and German Schools; and Monographs of Lichens found in Britain, pt. 1, and of the Mycetozoa.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Alger's Englishmen in the French Revolution. Arrowsmith's Covenant-Avenging Sword Brandished (1643). Bathurst's Easter Offering for the Whigs. Bell's Historical Essay on the Original of Painting. Bevan's Trees Planted by the River. Brewer's Sound and Its Phenomena. Brinsley's Mystical Brazen Serpent, &c. (1653). Burdett's Prince, Princess, and People. Chedworth's (Lord) Notes upon some of the Obscure Passages in Shakespeare's Plays. Colenso's Ruin of Zululand. Cooke's British Desmids. Corbitt's Lion Slain and the Lamb Exalted. Cosin's Scholastical History of the Canon of the Holy Scripture (1657). Davies's Cruising in the Netherlands. Emerson's Birds, Beasts, and Fishes of the Norfolk Broadland. Farrar's Monumental Brasses in Norfolk in 1890. Fynch's Conversion of Sinners to God in Christ (1680). General Report on Enclosures (1808). Gooch's Medical and Chirurgical Observations. Hall's Remaining Works, with some Specialties, and Hard Measure (1660). Hill's Discourses upon the Fourth Commandment. Kinghorn's Sermons and Controversial Pieces. Kirby's (W.) Life, by J. Freeman. Nevill's Mannington and the Walpoles. Norfolk Chronicle and Norwich Gazette, 1843-51. Repton's Odd Whims and Miscellanies. Ritchie's Crying for the Light, or Fifty Years Ago. Rye's Le Neve Correspondence and Documents, 1675-1743. Service Afloat, or the Naval Career of Sir W. Hoste. Southwell's Seals and Whales of the British Seas. Stoughton's Our English Bible, Its Translations and Translators. Taylor's Tales of the Saxons. Thompson's Nicene Creed Catechetically Explained. Tillinghurst's Generation Work (1654). Tonna's Kindness to Animals. Voices of the Past. Whiston's Essay on the Revelation of St. John. Winged Words on Chantrey's Woodcocks, Ed. by J. P. Muirhead. Woodward's Treatise on Ecclesiastical Heraldry.

There have also been added as published, by presentation, or as special opportunities to purchase arose - East Anglian Notes and Queries, May Blossoms, Norfolk and Norwich Archæological Society's Papers, Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society's Transactions, Norvicensian, Norwich C.E.Y.M.S. Journal, and Progress (Y.M.C.A.); and Engravings, Etchings, Maps (that of Norfolk by the Ordnance Survey being now complete), Old Newspapers, Pamphlets, Portraits, Views, &c., of a specially local nature.

Annual Reports from the following similar Libraries have been received, the figures where given denoting the number of the Report and apparent age of the Library:—Aberdeen 10, Barking 6, Battersea 7, Belfast 6, Birmingham 32, Blackburn 32, Bradford 24, Buxton 5, Cambridge 39, Cardiff 32, Cheltenham 10, Chester 16, Clapham 7, Clerkenwell 7, Clitheroe 16, Croydon 5, Derby 23, Ealing 11, Folkestone 12, Fulham 7, Glasgow (Baillie's Institution), Halifax, Hammersmith, Handsworth 14, Hanley 7, Holborn 2, Hove 2, Leamington Spa, Leeds 24, Leek 6, Leicester 23, Liverpool 41, Longton, Los Angeles (California), Manchester 42, Newcastle-on-Tyne 12, Plymouth 17, Portsmouth 10, Richmond 13, Salford 46, Sheffield 38, Smethwick, Southampton 5, Southport 19, St. Helen's 16, Twickenham 12, Tynemouth 24, Watford 23, West Bromwich 20, Widnes 7, Willesden, Wolverhampton 25, Yarmouth 8, York. Also recent Reports from the Deptford Library and Club, New York Maimonides Library, and Oxford Bodleian Library.

List of Donors in 1894-5.

To one or other of the Departments, Books, &c., have been presented by the Agents-General for New South Wales, Tasmania, and Victoria; Mr. T. M. Bear, Mr. J. D. Beeston, Dr. W. T. Bensly, Messrs. Bent & Chambers, Mr. J. P. Briscoe, the British Association for the Advancement of Science, Mr. T. B. Browne, the Browning Society, Mr. G. F. Buxton, Mr. E. W. Carlier, Mr. A. E. Chapman, the Cobden Club, Mr. J. J. Colman, the Committees of the Libraries referred to on page 18, the Corporation of the City of London, Messrs. Dale & Reynolds, Countess of Derby, Mr. H. F. Euren, Mr. W. A. Freeman, Mrs. A. Gray, Mr. A. Griffith, Mr. G. C. M. Hardingham, Messrs. Harris & Haddon, Mr. R. G. Hickling, Mr. S. Hoare, Rev. Canon H. Howell, the Irish Unionist Alliance, Mr. G. B. Kennett, Mr. H. Kett, the Labour Department of the Board of Trade, Rev. S. C. Lowry, the National Society for Women's Suffrage, the Norfolk and Norwich Archæological Society, the Norfolk and Norwich Musical Festival Committee, the Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society, the Patent Office, Mr. H. S. Patteson, Proprietors of "The News," Registrars of Durham University and University Correspondence College, Mr. W. Robson, Mr. B. Roy, the Royal Colonial Institute, Mr. A. E. Rump, Mr. S. A. Scarlett, the Smithsonian Institution, Mr. W. A. Sothern, Mr. T. Southwell, Mrs. E. Stredder, the Trustees of the British Museum as on page 17, Mr. E. Wild, and Mr. C. Williams; also the Magazines, Newspapers, Periodicals, &c., marked † on pages 20 to 22, by Mr. J. Allen, Sir H. Bullard, other Friends, and various Proprietors thereof.

*The following Magazines, Reviews, Newspapers, Directories, &c., are placed in the Reading-Rooms. Those marked * are placed in the Women's Reading-Room, and those marked † are presented.*

ANNUALLY.

Australian Year-Books
Baptist Handbook
Cambridge University Calendar
Canadian Statistical Year-Book
Church of England Year-Book
College of Preceptors Calendar
Congregational Year-Book
†Co-operative Societies Annual
†County Council Year-Book
Crockford's Clerical Directory
†Dublin University Calendar
†Durham University Calendar
Hazell's Annual
†Imperial Institute Year-Book
London University Calendar
Oxford University Calendar
Statesman's Year-Book
†Trinity College, London, Calendar
University Coll. of Wales Calendar
†University Corresp. Coll. Calendar

QUARTERLY.

Edinburgh Review
Journal of Board of Agriculture
Navy List
Quarterly Review

MONTHLY.

All the Year Round
*†Animal World (1 in Men's)
*Argosy (1 in Men's)
Army List
*Art Journal
*Atalanta
Atlantic Monthly
Belgravia
Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine
Board of Trade Journal
†Building Society's Gazette
†Canadian Patent Office Record
*Cassell's Family Mag. (1 in Men's)
*Century Illustrated
*Chambers's Journal (1 in Men's)
†Child's Guardian
*†Concord (1 in Men's)
Contemporary Review
Cornhill Magazine
†Cottager and Artizan
†Educational Times
*English Illustrated Magazine
*†Financial Reformer (1 in Men's)
†Fire and Water
Fortnightly Review
*†Free Life (1 in Men's)

MONTHLY—(*continued*).

†Free Russia
Gentleman's Magazine
*Girl's Own Paper
*†Glad Tidings (1 in Men's)
Good Words
*Goodwill
*Harper's Magazine
*Household Words
Idler
†Insurance and Banking Review
†Jewish Intelligence
†Journal of Professional Musicians
†Labour Gazette
*Ladies' Treasury
Leisure Hour
London Society
Longman's Magazine
Macmillan's Magazine
Magazine of Art
*†Musical Herald, Tonic Sol-Fa Rep.
*†Musical Times
National Review
†Nature Notes
†New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century
*†Our Own Gazette
*†Our Work at Home and Abroad
†Personal Rights Journal
†Phillips's Machinery Register
†Plumber and Decorator
Quiver
Review of Reviews
Science Gossip
*Scribner's Magazine
Strand Magazine
*Sunday at Home
Temple Bar
†Tract Magazine
†University Correspondent
†Vaccination Inquirer
†Vegetarian Messenger
Westminster Review
Zoologist
†Zoophilist

FORTNIGHTLY.

†Present Truth

TRI-WEEKLY.

Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart

BI-WEEKLY.

*†Norwich Mercury (1 in Men's) 1 given

WEEKLY.

Army and Navy Gazette
Athenæum
Australasian
†Boot and Shoe Trades Journal
†Boston Independent
Boy's Own Paper
Builder
Building News
†Bullionist
†Cambridge Independent
†Canadian Gazette
Cassell's Saturday Journal
†Catholic Times
†Christian Life and Unitarian Her.
*†Christian World (2 in Men's), 1 giv.
*Christian World, Family Circle Ed.
*Church Times
†Civil Service Aspirant
*†Civil Service Competitor (1 in Men's)
†Colliery Guardian
†Colonies and India, and American Visitor
*†Co-operative News (1 in Men's)
*†Cromer and North Walsham Post
*†Daylight (2 in Men's)
Detroit Free Press
†Drapers' Record
*†Eastern Weekly Press
Eastern Weekly Leader
Electrician
Engineer
Engineering
England
English Mechanic
Era
*Family Herald, and Supplement
Feathered World
Field
*Fun
Gardeners' Magazine
†Gardening World
*Graphic (1 in Men's)
*Guardian
*Illus. London News (1 in Men's)
Illus. Official Journal (Patents)
Invention
*†Ipswich Journal
†Journal of Society of Arts
Judy
*Lady's Pictorial
Land and Water
†Literary World
†Lowestoft Journal
†Lowestoft Standard
†Lynn Advertiser
†Lynn News and County Press
Mechanical World
†Metropolitan
*†Midland Counties Herald
†Money

WEEKLY—(*continued*).

†Montreal Witness
Nature
Newcastle Chronicle
*†Norfolk Chronicle (1 in Men's), 1 given
*†Norfolk News (1 in Men's), 1 given
*†Norfolk Weekly Standard and Argus (1 in Men's) 1 given
Notes and Queries
*†Our Weekly
†Parish Councillor
*†People's Weekly Journal
Phonetic Journal
Public Opinion
*Punch (1 in Men's)
*Queen
*†Rural World (1 in Men's)
Saturday Review
†School Board Chronicle
*School Guardian
Schoolmaster
*Schoolmistress
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List
*Spare Moments
Speaker
Spectator
†Sydney Mail
†Tablet
†Tailor and Cutter
*†Temperance Chronicle (1 in Men's)
*Tit Bits
Truth
United Ireland
Volunteer Service Gazette
†Weekly Register
Weekly Sun
Westminster Budget
*†Worcester Herald
Work
†Yarmouth Independent
*Young Ladies' Journal

DAILY.

Birmingham Post
Chronicle (in Lobby)
East Anglian Times (in Lobby)
*†Eastern Daily Press (2 in Men's) 1 given
†Eastern Evening News (1 also in Lobby) 1 given
Echo (in Lobby)
Manchester Guardian
News
Norfolk Standard (in Lobby)
Pall Mall Gazette
*Standard (1 in Men's)
Star (in Lobby)
*Telegraph (1 in Men's)
*Times
Westminster Gazette
Yorkshire Post

Railway Time Tables.

Bradshaw, and Continental in season
†Cook's Excursionist
†Great Eastern
†Great Eastern Continental
†Great Northern
†Great Western
†London and North Western
†London and South Western
†London, Brighton, and South Coast
†London, Chatham, and Dover
†Midland
†Midland and Gt. Northern Joint
†Norwich—Fletcher's and Jarrold's
†South Eastern

Kelly's Directories.

Beds, Hunts, and Northamptonshire
Berks, Bucks, and Oxon
Birmingham, Staffs, Warwickshire, and Worcestershire
Cambs, Norfolk, and Suffolk
Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Rutland, and Notts
Devonshire and Cornwall
Essex, Herts, and Middlesex
Kent, Surrey, and Sussex
Lancashire, Liverpool, and Manchester
Lincolnshire, with Hull and Neighbourhood
London
London Suburban
Somersetshire and Gloucestershire, with Bristol
Yorks (West Riding; and North and East Ridings, with York)

A B C Hotel Guide for Travellers and Tourists
Acts of Parliament—Educational, Local, Social, &c.
Advertiser's A B C of Official Scales and Charges and Press Directory
Almanacks—British, Financial Reform, Whitaker's, &c.
Bartlett s Familiar Quotations; and Southgate's Many Thoughts
Brewer s Historic Note-Book, Phrase and Fable, and Reader's Handbook
Bryan's Dictionary of Painters and Engravers
Business Directory of London and Provincial and Foreign Trade Guide
Chambers's (Ed. by E. Preston) and Dougal & Co.'s Indexes to Next of Kin
Civil Service Year-Book and Guides—A B C, Cassell's, and Johnson's
Commercial Directory of the United Kingdom and the Continent
Dictionaries—Dano-Norwegian, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Latin, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, and Welsh.
Directories—Foresters', Medical, Rechabite, and Scholastic
Eastern Counties Business and International Mercantile Directories
Export Merchant Shippers and Manufacturers' Trade Directory
Eyre's Hotels of the United Kingdom; and Leigh's List of English Clubs
Grove's Dictionary of Music; and Quain's Dictionary of Medicine
Haydn's Dictionary of Dates; and Townsend's Manual of Dates
Howard's Roads of England and Wales
Kelly's Directory of Merchants, Manufacturers, and Shippers
Kelly's Handbook to the Titled, Landed, and Official Classes
King's Classical and Foreign Quotations, Translations and Indexes
Lodge's Peerage and Baronetage of the British Empire
Men and Women of the Reign, and of the Time
Patents for Inventions—Abridgments of Specifications
Perry's Manufacturers and Merchants' Directory and Mercantile Guide
Sell's Dictionary of the World's Press and Advertisers' Reference Book
Spencer's Things New and Old; and Cawdray s Treasury of Similes
Stubbs's Directory of Great Britain and the Continent
The Book of Mormon, the Koran, and the Talmud.

The Shipping Gazette and Time Tables are placed in the Lobby.

Financial Statement for the Year ending March 24th, 1895.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand, March 25th, 1894 ..	284	18	9
,, 1d. in the £ raised with the Borough Rate	1217	10	0
,, Rents	23	19	0
,, Sale of Borrowers' Cards	14	9	6
,, Sale of Catalogues	7	11	5
,, Books, Post Cards, Waste, &c.... ..	6	10	4
,, School of Art proportion of cost of Water ...	2	8	6
Total	£1557	7	6

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
By Salaries and Wages	465	19	9
,, Books	153	11	1
,, Newspapers and Periodicals	87	14	3
,, Bookbinding and Numbering	123	2	8
,, Printing and Stationery	23	1	6
,, Insurance and Income Tax	15	0	8
,, Gas and Coals	22	7	5
,, Repairs to Buildings	81	18	7
,, Electric Light	81	15	5
,, Electric Light Fittings	5	9	9
,, Sundries	22	1	6
	1082	2	7
,, Balance in hand, March 24th, 1895 ...	475	4	11
Total	£1557	7	6

Amount received by the Librarian for Fines, £51 12s. 2d.; Balance in hand per last Report, £1 2s. 9d.; total, £52 14s. 11d.—expended in the formation of a Collection of Local Books, &c., £35 9s 0d.; Balance in hand, March 24th, 1895, £17 5s. 11d.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath, out of such part of my personal Estate as may by Law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Treasurer for the time being of the City of Norwich Corporation, the sum of

(free from Legacy Duty), for the benefit of the Norwich Free Library, to be expended in such way as the Committee for the time being may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the said Treasurer shall be an effectual discharge for the same legacy.

*I bequeath**

**Books, Pictures, or other objects of Art or Interest.*

to the Treasurer for the time being of the City of Norwich Corporation, for the benefit of the Norwich Free Library, either for exhibition or such other purposes as the Committee for the time being deem expedient; and I direct any Legacy Duty which may be payable thereon to be paid by my Executors out of my personal Estate; and I further direct that the Receipt of the said Treasurer shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

Donations may be intimated to the Librarian, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

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With the Librarian's Compliments.

University of Illinois,
Library School.

CITY OF NORWICH.

THE REPORT

OF THE

Free Library Committee

TO THE

TOWN COUNCIL.

1895-6.

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CITY OF NORWICH.

THE REPORT

OF THE

FREE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,

From March 26th, 1895, to March 25th, 1896.

Mayor, J. MOORE, Esq. Sheriff, G. A. COLLER, Esq.

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RICHARD LLOYD AND ARTHUR A. PYE, ASSISTANTS.
W. H. HALL, READING-ROOM ATTENDANT. J. FINCH, SUNDAY ATTENDANT.

The Quarterly Meetings of the Committee will be held at the Library, at 4 p.m. on the following days:—

April 8th, July 8th, and October 14th, 1896; and January 13th, 1897.

The Sub-Committees meet when required, and are specially summoned.

E. BURGESS, PRINTER, NORWICH.

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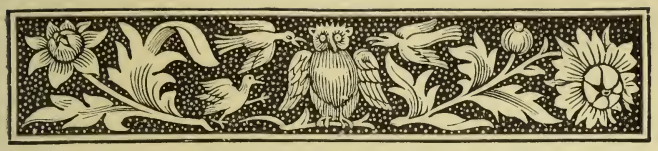
"Books are the storehouses in which the fruits of human labour are garnered: they are the records of the experience of mankind; but before we can profit by this experience, we must learn to interpret it by experience of our own. Positive knowledge, once gained, becomes a key by which we may decipher the records, and so gain help from the labours of predecessors; but only *help* in our own labour, not a substitute for labour. To know one thing directly, is to be enabled to know indirectly many other things resembling it; and this indirect knowledge may be learned from books."



REPORT.

In submitting the Annual Report for 1895-6 your Committee are pleased to inform the Council that the contract of Messrs. Plumb & Brown for extending and renovating the room lately occupied by the Museum at a cost of £350, and also the contract of Messrs. Chapman & Son for £225 for partially fitting the same with book-cases and shelving according to plans and specifications of the City Engineer, have been satisfactorily completed.

The large portion of the Reference Library which has been stored away and not available for use for want of space has now been removed to that room, and some progress has already been made in arranging the Reference Department; the catalogue for which is in hand, and we hope will be ready for the press at no distant date.

A record is now being kept for the first time of issues in the Reference Department, with the result that 5,009 works have been applied for (which may be classified as being in the following sections: —Science, &c., 510; Biography, &c., 113; Poetry and Drama, 40; Fiction, 116; History and Travel, 510; Miscellaneous, 3062; Law and Theology, 330; and Natural History, 328.) This number will

no doubt be largely increased when the re-arrangement is complete and the catalogue in print. The above does not include the use by visitors of numerous valuable works always available for reference on the shelves in the Reading-Rooms.

The catalogue of the Lending Department, containing 16764 volumes, has been kept complete by periodical supplements, the last being dated August, 1895.

The circulation of books has averaged 382 for each of the 236 days the Library has been open for lending, as compared with 395 last year and 372 the year previous.

The Committee are considering, with the increased space now available, what further measures can be adopted for the convenience of borrowers and to facilitate the more rapid issue of books.

The recent regulations and instructions given to teachers in the schools (Juvenile Department) have, we believe, had a beneficial effect. With some exceptions the required reports have been supplied and the books returned for repairs. 2770 volumes are on issue in this department to 24 schools, and the returns show the issues to number 43054. The books in this department are fast wearing out and will soon require practical renewal and a large increase in their number, if this branch of work is continued and the demands from the teachers fully met. The number of books is now about 1000 less than when started in 1889.

The Students' Room has again been extensively used by the Norwich Branch of the National Home Reading Union, the subjects and leaders being—Modern French Literature, Mr. C. Gould; English History from 1660-1815, Rev. W. Hudson, M.A.; English Literature, Dr. H. Cooper Pattin, M.A. The room is much used for consulting works in connection with the University Extension Scheme and the Norfolk County Council Lectures, and also the books of the Reference Department.

The attendances at the Reading-Room on Sundays maintain the former average.

Discarded books have been sent as customary to the City Asylum and Workhouse and to the Isolation Hospital.

The usual tables are appended, affording comparisons with the statistics of previous years. A statement of accounts is also printed for the information of the Council.

The Committee are pleased to record their appreciation of the manner in which the work has been carried on by the Chief Librarian and his staff.

THOMAS S. BREESE,

Chairman.

On pages 8 to 19 are particulars of the borrowers (ages, sexes, and occupations, with the wards in which they resided), borrowers' cards, issues of books for 1895-6 and from 1878, the Juvenile Department, selections of books, &c., and the donors—but the following compressed statistics show more readily the position and working of the Library in the year 1895-6 :—

LENDING DEPARTMENT—

Stock, 16764 volumes; being in —			
Art, Science, and Political Economy ...	1847	increase	61
Biography and Correspondence... ...	1443	,,	34
Poetry and Drama	692	,,	25
Fiction	5399	,,	258
History and Travel	2180	,,	38
Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellaneous...	4210	,,	109
Law and Theology	664	,,	19
Natural History	329	,,	12
Totals	16764	,,	556
,, last year	16208	,,	497
Days opened	236	last year	235
Borrowers' Cards issued (inclu. duplicates), say	3100	,,	3400
Actual number of borrowers, say ...	4300	,,	3800
New borrowers	880	,,	968
Average issues to each borrower ...	21	,,	24
Issues, 90440 (93075 volumes); being in—			
Art, Science, and Political Economy ...	2354	decrease	201
Biography and Correspondence... ...	1365	increase	266
Poetry and Drama	649	,,	9
Fiction	73650	decrease	1763
History and Travel	3387	increase	711
Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellaneous...	8041	decrease	1166
Law and Theology	468	,,	109
Natural History	526	,,	37
Totals	90440	,,	2290
,, last year	92730	increase	6375
Average daily issues	382	last year	395

Issues in 1878, 26308—averaging 99 daily.

LENDING DEPARTMENT (*continued*)—

Fines for overdue books	£58/18/5	last year	£51/12/2
Catalogues	£7/13/2	,,	£8/8/7
Books replaced	307	,,	253
Books repaired at Library and by Binders (including Juvenile Department) ...	4373	,,	Binders. 2336
Juvenile Department—			
Stock, volumes	3050	,,	3093
Books at 36 schools (4th circulation), p, 4 ...		,,	3570
Books sent to 24 schools (5th circulation)	2770	,,	2770
Months books issued	12	,,	6
Issues	43054	,,	26071
Total Lending Stock, volumes	19814	,,	19301
,, Issues (Library and Schools) volumes...	133494	,,	122653

PRESENT STOCK—

Books—			
Lending Department	16764	increase	556
Ditto (Juvenile)	3050	decrease	43
Reference Department	8450	increase	253
Ditto (Local Collection)	2987	,,	182
Totals	31251	,,	948
,, last year	30303	,,	179
Pamphlets—			
Reference Department	2081	,,	69
Ditto (Local Collection)	4327	,,	684
Totals	6408	,,	753
,, last year	5655	,,	288

Stock in December, 1877, about 3500 books.

PERCENTAGES (excluding Juvenile Department)—

Lending Stock (16764 volumes)... ...	16·60	per cent of population.
Issues (90440)	89·57	,, ,,
Actual Borrowers (say 4300)	4·26	,, ,,
Total Stock (28201 volumes)	27·93	,, ,,

The Lending Department is open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., except Sundays, Thursdays, Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Bank Holidays; and the Reading-Rooms for Men and Women (on the first floor) are open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., except Sundays (when it is from 3 to 9 p.m.), Christmas Day, and Good Friday.

Ages of Borrowers.

	New Borrowers in 1895-6.	Borrowers since Dec. 1st, 1877.
Above 14 and under 20	405 ..	8448
„ 20 „ 25	140 ...	2401
„ 25 „ 30	79 ...	1659
„ 30 „ 35	67 ...	1163
„ 35 „ 40	39 ...	865
„ 40 „ 45	26 ...	604
„ 45 „ 50	21 ...	407
„ 50 „ 55	17 ...	340
„ 55 „ 60	5 ...	191
„ 60	19 ...	414
Not stated	62 ...	1169
Totals	880 ...	17661

Cards Issued and Sexes of Borrowers.

Years.	Cards Issued.	New Borrowers.				Borrowers since Dec. 1st, 1877.
1877-8* ...	1545 ...	1545	(260 females,	1285 males)	...	1545
1879 ...	1782 ...	802	(201 „	601 „)	...	2347
1880 ...	2000 ...	770	(202 „	568 „)	...	3117
1881 ...	2000 ...	683	(193 „	490 „)	...	3800
1882 ...	2200 ...	780	(226 „	554 „)	...	4580
1883 ...	2500 ...	934	(284 „	650 „)	...	5514
1884 ...	2850 ...	952	(343 „	609 „)	...	6466
1885 ...	3250 ..	1034	(414 „	620 „)	...	7500
1886-7† ...	3739 ...	1319	(541 „	778 „)	...	8819
1887-8 ...	3900 ...	1020	(425 „	595 „)	...	9839
1888-9 ...	3820 ...	1020	(450 „	570 „)	...	10859
1889-90 ...	4060 ...	1058	(510 „	548 „)	...	11917
1890-91 ...	4100 ...	953	(431 „	522 „)	...	12870
1891-2 ...	4100 ...	1063	(439 „	624 „)	...	13933
1892-3 ...	4200 ...	1006	(464 „	542 „)	...	14939
1893-4 ...	3700 ...	874	(421 „	453 „)	...	15813
1894-5 ...	3400 ...	968	(495 „	473 „)	...	16781
1895-6 ...	3100 ...	880	(441 „	439 „)	...	17661
Totals	56246 ...	17661	(6740 „	10921 „)		

* Thirteen Months. † Fifteen Months.

Occupations of New Borrowers.

Agents	7
Apprentices	2
Artists	3
Assistants	19
Bakers and Confectioners ...	9
Barmaid and Barman ...	2
Bookbinders	3
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	13
Boxmakers	6
Brushmakers	4
Builders	2
Butchers	6
Cabinet-makers	3
Carpenters	7
Chairmakers	3
Chemists and Druggists ...	8
Cigar-maker and Tobacconist	2
Cleaners	2
Clergyman and Ministers ...	6
Clerks	62
Clickers	12
Clothiers...	2
Coachman and Groom ...	2
Companions	2
Cutters	5
Dealers	3
Domestic Servants ...	17
Drapers	21
Dressmakers and Milliners ...	36
Electricians	3
Engineers	5
Engraver and Lithographers	3
Errand Boys	21
Finishers...	4
Fitters	10
Foreman and Manager ...	2
Carried forward	317
Brought forward	317
Gardeners	2
Grocers and Tea Dealer ...	8
Hairdressers	4
Housekeepers	11
Ironmongers	6
Jeweller and Watchmaker ...	2
Labourers	13
Licensed Victuallers ...	3
Machinists	11
Nurses	4
Packers and Porters ...	10
Pages	3
Painters and Plumbers ...	6
Policemen	3
Polishers...	2
Printers	21
Railway Employés ...	2
Scholars and Students ...	40
Schoolmistresses and Teachers	38
Seamstresses	3
Seed Merchant and Seedsmen	3
Shorthand Writers ...	2
Surveyors	2
Tailors and Tailoresses ...	28
Telegraphist and Telephonist	2
Tiemakers	2
Tinmen	3
Travellers	3
Upholsterer and Upholsteresses	4
Warehousemen	7
Weavers	2
Miscellaneous	55
Not stated	258
Total	880

Wards wherein Borrowers Resided.

		Population in 1891.	New Borrowers in 1895-6.	Borrowers since Mar. 25th, 189
1.	Conisford ...	6091 ...	58 ...	136
2.	Ber Street ...	8426 ...	51 ...	112
3.	Mancroft ...	4573 ..	49 ...	103
4.	Westwick ...	6852 ...	74 ...	159
5.	Coslany ...	6691 ...	57 ...	99
6.	Fye Bridge ...	7775 ...	38 ...	78
7.	Thorpe ...	5420 ...	53 ...	122
8.	Lakenham ...	5450 ...	39 ...	80
9.	Town Close ...	5970 ...	49 ...	100
10.	Eaton ...	6971 ...	74 ...	182
11.	Nelson ...	6216 ...	63 ...	144
12.	Earlham ...	5712 ...	81 ...	167
13.	Heigham ...	5963 ...	40 ...	81
14.	Wensum ...	6224 ...	43 ...	94
15.	Catton ...	7016 ...	52 ...	102
16.	Mousehold ...	5620 ...	59 ...	89
	Totals	100970	880	1848

In previous Reports the above statistics were given for the *Eight Wards* into which the City was formerly divided, the total of 15813 Borrowers to March 25th, 1894, being apportioned as follows:—First Ward, 1169; Second, 1074; Third, 6132; Fourth, 387; Fifth, 1596; Sixth, 1715; Seventh, 2249; and Eighth, 1491—these with the 1848 tabulated above making a total of 17661 Borrowers since December 1st, 1877.

Classified Register of Issues of Books for 1895-6.

Months, 1895-6.	Days open.	Art. Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corspondnce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellanus.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Monthly Issues.	Average Daily Issues.
March (aft. 25th)	4	40	30	19	1380	54	175	12	14	1724	431
April	20	220	157	57	6938	230	801	58	33	8494	425
May	22	212	90	59	6716	213	750	39	38	8117	369
June	20	169	110	51	6142	293	677	36	48	7526	376
July	23	183	193	55	5903	398	733	41	57	7563	329
August	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
September ..	21	193	98	45	5926	269	632	29	42	7234	345
October	22	200	127	41	6398	337	705	29	44	7881	358
November... ..	22	255	117	71	6820	383	905	43	54	8648	393
December	21	223	97	69	6466	323	699	42	49	7968	365
January	22	219	119	63	7463	318	739	44	42	9007	409
February	21	236	126	61	7315	345	682	46	54	8865	422
March (to 25th)	18	204	101	58	6183	224	543	49	51	7413	412
Totals	236	2354	1365	649	73650	3387	8041	468	526	90440	382
Percentages '95-6	...	2·60	1·51	0·72	81·44	3·74	8·89	0·52	0·58	...	...
Percentages '94-5	...	2·75	1·18	0·69	81·33	2·89	9 93	0·62	0 61	...	...

Classified Register of Issues of Books from 1878 to 1895-6.

Years.	Days open.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corspondnce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellanus.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Yearly Issues.	Average Daily Issues.
1878	267	978	1132	595	18485	1814	2779	270	255	26308	99
1879	291	843	964	353	21300	1828	3443	560	911	30202	104
1880	290	1141	1697	639	19733	3030	5119	339	336	32034	110
1881	231	907	1903	501	18881	2749	7323	295	277	32836	142
1882	196	921	1311	318	19318	2577	5736	211	500	30892	158
1883	244	1437	1148	566	32586	3033	9512	202	422	48906	200
1884	242	1547	1315	550	41233	3217	9396	192	356	57806	239
1885	238	1751	1742	552	47326	2891	10755	282	704	66003	277
*1886	239	1779	1734	510	55318	3433	11251	317	774	75116	314
1887	60	434	379	124	15042	687	3037	95	113	19911	332
1887–8	242	1713	1271	763	57440	2342	12728	293	700	77250	319
1888–9	233	2199	1170	809	60849	2465	12361	364	848	81065	348
1889–90	235	2639	1501	844	67297	3089	12199	455	828	88852	378
1890–91	235	2737	1570	887	69096	3223	12020	536	914	90983	387
1891–2	234	2772	1607	871	71593	4045	10480	473	942	92783	397
1892–3	233	2700	1543	791	71245	4430	9536	454	923	91622	392
1893–4	232	2304	1298	726	68678	3261	8918	465	705	86355	372
1894–5	235	2555	1099	640	75413	2676	9207	577	563	92730	395
1895–6	236	2354	1365	649	73650	3387	8041	468	526	90440	382
Totals	4413	33711	25749	11688	904483	54177	163841	6848	11597	1212094	275
Perentg.	...	2·78	2·12	0·96	74·62	4·47	13·52	0·57	0·96	...	...

* In 1887 the Library year commenced March 26th instead of January 1st. For comparing yearly issues those for 1886 and the first three months of 1887 are given as above; and on page 13, for comparing monthly issues, those for March (after 25th), 1887 to 1895, are added to those for March (to 25th), 1888 to 1896 respectively.

Monthly Issues of Books from 1878 to 1895-6.

Years.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Yearly Totals.
1878	2092	2245	2576	2384	2455	2172	2374	2173	613	2438	2620	2166	26308
1879	2791	2649	3094	2688	2542	2162	2714	1109	2033	2862	2708	2850	30202
1880	2936	2840	2586	3105	3012	2864	2835	1217	1686	3113	3168	2672	32034
1881	2517	2842	3180	3162	2878	2736	2873	527	2442	3300	3319	3060	32836
1882	2818	3410	3709	3489	3568	3425	3596	1301	closed ten wks extra		2180	3396	30892
1883	4197	3895	4703	4324	4332	4069	4034	1461	3973	4870	4720	4328	48906
1884	4040	5049	5640	5119	5399	4666	4806	1620	5148	5378	5558	5383	57806
1885	5607	5520	6190	5393	5775	5484	5515	1940	5710	6799	6200	5870	66003
*1886	6826	6683	7913	6696	6891	6226	6011	1880	5870	6919	6988	6213	75116
1887	7198	6652	6061	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19911
	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	
1887–8	6429	6565	6145	6256	2080	6400	7098	7259	6931	7325	7207	7555	77250
1888–9	7273	6903	6718	6682	...	6737	7374	7435	7461	7880	7746	8856	81065
1889–90	7895	7636	7061	7718	...	7506	8242	8729	7725	8990	8445	8905	88852
1890–91	8330	8168	7649	7994	..	8236	8349	8212	7839	9106	8252	8848	90983
1891–2	7535	8405	7751	7738	...	8341	8886	8619	8201	9702	9377	8228	92783
1892–3	8489	8001	7229	7836	...	8079	8838	8872	8345	9389	8633	7911	91622
1893–4	7845	6706	6657	7353	...	7572	8182	8027	7997	9383	8316	8317	86355
1894–5	8453	8060	8235	7636	...	7614	8307	8306	8109	9218	8687	10105	92730
1895–6	8494	8117	7526	7563	...	7234	7881	8648	7968	9007	8865	9137	90440
Totals	107103	105413	98775	101534	15308	95194	108836	111568	106514	121022	117313	123514	1212094
Percntg	8·84	8·70	8·15	8·38	1·26	7·85	8·98	9·20	8·79	9·98	9·68	10·19	...

* See note on page 12.

Issues of Books in Elementary Schools for 1895-6 (5th Circulation).

SCHOOLS. Scholars in Standard IV. and upwards.	Books Sent.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Total Issues.	Times Books Issued.	Average per Time.
Bull Close Road ..	160	198	507	188	107	113	136	71	345	137	127	384	135	2448	34	72
Crook's Place ...	200	330	299	232	216	169	318	417	479	169	262	266	439	3596	45	80
Heigham Street ...	100	101	161	146	58	114	145	173	147	80	151	179	139	1594	42	38
Lakenham ...	120	132	273	91	62	74	105	116	229	113	141	137	197	1670	37	45
*St. Augustine, Sen.	280	728	726	668	667	662	893	0	1152	778	958	958	594	8784	38	231
St. Philip ...	80	102	125	58	47	47	76	73	108	29	53	53	40	811	38	24
†St. Stephen ...	60	29	97	52	32	14	52	78	103	29	46	36	69	637	42	15
Surrey Road ...	90	71	106	47	28	38	71	67	98	58	74	63	97	818	41	20
Thorpe Hamlet ...	180	153	361	147	146	176	181	208	260	67	332	354	354	2739	40	68
Boys' Schools ...	1270	1844	2655	1629	1363	1407	1977	1203	2921	1460	2144	2430	2064	23097	357	65
Avenue Road ...	180	298	301	168	49	0	146	87	84	0	166	105	65	1569	47	31
Eaton	50	59	59	75	93	22	67	80	96	31	74	60	57	773	40	19
St. Martin-at-Palace	50	90	111	83	84	69	72	88	71	56	66	95	111	996	45	22
St. Stephen ...	50	20	56	45	0	28	43	58	116	58	70	70	53	617	34	18
Mixed Schools ...	330	467	527	371	226	119	328	313	367	145	376	330	286	3855	166	23

* Transferred to Angel Road Mixed, November, 1895. † Transferred to St. Bartholomew Boys, April, 1895.

Issues of Books in Elementary Schools for 1895-6 (5th Circulation).

SCHOOLS. Scholars in Standard IV. and upwards.	Books Sent.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Total Issues.	Times Books Issued.	Average per Time.
Bull Close Road ..	130	163	254	101	94	142	165	103	121	84	92	86	120	1525	34	45
*Heigham Street ...	80	177	253	198	104	136	174	162	181	0	217	158	144	1904	39	49
Horn's Lane ..	80	232	239	177	119	33	162	199	163	49	207	208	239	2027	39	52
Lakenham ...	100	120	123	78	70	21	101	107	66	0	0	60	47	793	28	28
Model	120	140	140	98	45	75	162	186	169	46	9	112	137	1319	33	40
*Nelson Street ...	170	264	405	240	84	181	218	207	0	0	20	168	275	2062	32	64
St. Augustine ...	220	302	365	183	190	141	180	0	202	205	242	198	228	2436	39	62
St. Giles	70	52	107	86	0	43	75	75	87	30	50	46	54	705	39	18
St. Miles	60	143	93	81	29	49	100	104	133	55	108	95	88	1078	39	28
St. Philip	70	125	180	110	111	56	114	110	168	111	110	109	169	1473	26	57
Surrey Road ...	70	20	56	25	20	27	0	66	133	69	139	101	124	780	36	22
Girls' Schools ...	1170	1738	2215	1377	866	904	1451	1319	1423	649	1194	1341	1625	16102	384	42
Boys' Schools ...	1270	1844	2655	1629	1363	1407	1977	1203	2921	1460	2144	2430	2064	23097	357	65
Mixed Schools ...	330	467	527	371	226	119	328	313	367	145	376	330	286	3855	166	23
Totals ...	2770	4049	5397	3377	2455	2430	3756	2835	4711	2254	3714	4101	3975	43054	907	48

* Closed for a time in consequence of sickness.

A Selection from the Additions to the Library during 1895-6.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Abernethy's Memoirs. Austin's Poetical Works. Bagehot's Biographical, Economic, and Literary Studies, Edited by R. H. Hutton. Boats of the World. Bonney's Ice-Work, Present and Past. Brown's Horæ Subsecivæ. Colburn's Poems on Mankind and Nature. Cooper's Plain Pulpit Talk. Cowley's Works. Cromwell, the Man and His Mission, by J. A. Picton. Davis's Elementary Physiology. Death's Beer of the Bible, One of the Hitherto Unknown Leavens of Exodus. Dixon's (C.) Migration of British Birds. Dixon's (W. H.) London Press. Dog Stories from the Spectator. Ellacombe's In a Gloucestershire Garden. Entertaining Anecdotes from every Available Source, Edited by J. B. McClure. Froissart's Chronicles of England, France, Spain, &c. Froude's English Seamen in the 16th Century. Garnier's Sin and Redemption. Gervinus's Shakespeare Commentaries, Translated by F. E. Bunnett. Gore's Dissertations on the Incarnation. Gosse's Evenings at the Microscope. Guns and Shooting. Hare's Biographical Sketches; and Sketches in Holland and Scandinavia. Hogg's Microscope: Its History, Construction, and Application. Hole's Memories. Holmes's Poetical Works. Howitt's Literature and Romance of Northern Europe. Hunt's Manual of the Philosophy of Voice and Speech. Ibsen's Prose Dramas, Edited by W. Archer. Jones's Laws and Principles of Whist. Kapp's Electric Transmission of Energy. Knight's Electric Light for Country Houses. Kossuth's Select Speeches, Abridged by F. W. Newman. Kugler's School of Painting in Italy. Layng's Arithmetic. Lyde's Man on the Earth, Course in Geography. Malden's Workman's Technical Instructor. Malleson's Indian Mutiny of 1857. Mallock's Studies of Contemporary Superstition. Mason's (E.) Womanhood in the God-Man. Mason's (J.) Principles of Chess in Theory and Practice. Moodie's Roughing It in the Bush, or Life in Canada. Moore's Modern Painting. Nordau's Degeneration. Nostradamus's Oracles. Oliver's True Story of the French Dispute in Madagascar. Oxley's Manual of Drill and Physical Exercises. Parkes's Elements of Health. Raleigh's Elementary Politics. Ravenshaw's Antiente Epitaphes, from 1250 to 1800, in Chronologicall Order. Renan's Future of Science, Ideas of 1848; and History of the People of Israel. Rosenberg's Guide to Flower Painting in Water Colours. Rotton's Chaplain's Narrative of the Siege of Delhi. Sala's Life and Adventures. Scott's Poppy-Land Papers. Senior's Journal Kept in Turkey and Greece in 1857-8. Staunton's Chess Praxis. Steinitz's Modern Chess Instructor. Stevenson's Familiar Studies of Men and Books; and Vailima Letters. Swinburne's Study of Shakespeare. Ten Brink's Five Lectures on Shakespeare, Translated by Julia Franklin. Thornbury's Buccaneers, or the Monarchs of the Main. Toomey's Heroes of the Victoria Cross. Voysey's Theism as a Science. Wake's Southwold and Its Vicinity, Ancient and Modern. Watson's Father of the Forest and other Poems. Weber's Popular History of Music, from the Earliest Times. White's Modern Spiritualism. Wood's Crimea in 1854 and 1894.

The following series of works have been added to:—Contemporary Science, Eminent Women, English Men of Action, Fur and Feather, Gentleman's Magazine Library, International Humour, Minerva Library, Popular County Histories, Romance of Science, Social Science, and Story of the Nations; and works by leading novelists of the day, and the principal Magazines to date, have also been added.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Apocrypha, Revised Version. Arber's English Reprints. Autographic Mirror. Bellewes and Devenish's History of Constitutional Progress during 1837-87. Brabrook's Law of Friendly Societies and Industrial and Provident Societies. Brassey's Life and Labours, 1805-70, by A. Helps. Brewster's Disraeli in Outline, Biography and Abridgment of His Novels. Bright's Catalogue of the World's Postage Stamps, Envelopes, &c. British Association Report, Ipswich Meeting, 1895. Budge's Life and Exploits of Alexander the Great. Chambers's Treatise on the Decorative Part of Civil Architecture. Cope's Tobacco Plant. Ellis's History of Reynard the Fox. Gesenius's Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon to the Old Testament. Gover's Handy Book for all Readers, Extracts and Quotations. Hackney Stud Book. Hewley Charities, Reports and Arguments. Hole's Brief Biographical Dictionary. Lackington's Memoirs. Longman's Gazetteer of the World, Edited by G. C. Chisholm. Mackenzie's Elementary Education Acts, 1870-91; and the Poor Law Guardian, His Powers and Duties. Parliamentary Papers, Reports, and Returns on—Agriculture, Education, Employment of Women and Girls, Finance, "Gain-sharing," Labour, Secondary Education, Strikes and Lock-outs, Trade, Trade Unions, and Venezuela. Paton's British History and Papal Claims. Psalter, with a Concordance, &c., by W. E. Gladstone. Saint Simon's Mémoires Complets et Authentiques sur le Siècle de Louis XIV. et la Régence. Shakespearian—Marsh's Reference Shakespeare, Self-Interpreting Edition of the Plays; Miscellaneous Papers and Legal Instruments, under the Hand and Seal of W. Shakespeare, in the Possession of S. Ireland; Shakespeare's Dramatic Works, Notes by C. H. Wheeler; Shakespeare's Works, Notes by Mr. Theobald; Thimm's Shakespeariana, from 1566 to 1871. Sharpe's London and the Kingdom, History. Shire-Horse Stud Book. Smith's Handy Book on the Law of Bills, Cheques, &c. Sonnenschein's Reader's Guide to Contemporary Literature. Tegetmeier's Pheasants for Coverts and Aviaries. Walker's Rhyming Dictionary.

Works in parts or volumes as published have here, too, been added—such as Abridgments of Specifications for Patents, Badminton Library of Sports and Pastimes, Board of Trade and Trade Marks Journals, Dictionary of National Biography, Early English Text and Palæontographical Societies' Publications, Gentleman's Magazine Library, Historical Manuscripts Commission's Report, Indexes to Periodical Literature, Mermaid Series of the Best Plays of the Old Dramatists, and New English Dictionary; also Proceedings and Reports of the Egypt and Palestine Exploration Funds, Royal Colonial Institute, and Royal Geographical Society. The following are periodically bound—Daylight, Eastern Daily Press, Norfolk Daily Standard, Times (daily edition, and Index thereto purchased as published), the leading Illustrated Magazines and Newspapers, and Literary, Professional, and Religious Journals.

The Trustees of the British Museum have kindly forwarded, Book of the Dead, the Papyrus of Ani; Catalogues of Additions to the Manuscripts, 1888-93; Perciform Fishes, vol. 1.; Spiders of Burma; and of the Printed Books, 21 parts: also Facsimiles of Royal and other Autographs, 1st series; and Guide to the Manuscripts, Seals, &c.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Amherst's History of Gardening in England. Arrowsmith's Armilla Catechetica (1659). Bacon's Liber Regis, vel Thesaurus Rerum Ecclesiasticarum. Betts's Scripture Localities and Their Associations. Borrow's

Romantic Ballads. Bunnett's Sacred Harmony, Chants, &c., for the Organ. Chorley's Metrical Index to the Bible. Crotch's Elements of Musical Composition. Elvin's Hanbook of Mottoes Borne by the Nobility, Gentry, Cities, &c. Frere's Life and Correspondence, by J. Martineau. Gamlin's Emma, Lady Hamilton, Old Story Re-told. Girdlestone's Facts Tending to Prove that General Lee was the Author of Junius. Godwin's Essay on Sepulchres. Gooch's (B.) Cases and Practical Remarks in Surgery. Gooch's (R.) Dreamer's Casket, or Oneirocracy Made Easy. Goodwin's Tryall of a Christian's Growth. Gurneys of Earlham, by A. J. C. Hare. Hackman's Love Letters of Mr. H. and Miss R., 1775-9, Edited by G. Burgess. Herring s Letters to William Duncombe, 1728-57. Hinds's Three Temples of the One God Contrasted. Holmes's Diary of the Norfolk Artillery, 1853-94. Holland's Cratfield, Transcript of the Accounts of the Parish, 1490-1642. Jebb's Works: Theological, Medical, Political, and Miscellaneous. Jewitt and Hope's Corporation Plate and Insignia of Office of the Cities and Towns of England and Wales. Kaufman's Socialism and Communism in Their Practical Application. King's Morsels of Criticism, Tending to Illustrate the Holy Scriptures. Kirkpatrick's Extracts from MSS. Relating to Norwich. Le Strange's History of Freemasonry in Norfolk, 1724-1895. Martineau's Studies of Christianity. Narrative of the Disturbances and Outrages in Norwich, 1752. Norfolk Jesuits. Page's Art of Painting. Paston Letters, 1422 to 1509; New Edition, Edited by J. Gairdner. Patterson's Man and Nature on the Broads. Powell's Rising in East Anglia in 1381, with Suffolk Poll Tax Lists for that Year. Roper's Whispers from Fairyland. Simpson's Leaves from My Sketch Book, Southwell s St. Peter's Complaint and other Poems, with Life. Sparrow's Rationale upon the Book of Common Prayer. Stimpson's Old Nooks and Corners of Norwich. Taylor's Memoirs, Account of the Rise of the Reformation in Norfolk and Suffolk, Edited by T. P. Stow. Tennison's Life and Times. Townshend (C.) Wit and Statesman, by P. Fitzgerald. Turner's Turner Family of Mulbarton and Yarmouth, 1547-1894. Waterland s Review of the Doctrine of the Eucharist.

There have also been added as published, by presentation, or as special opportunities to purchase arose—East Anglian Notes and Queries, May Blossoms, Norfolk and Norwich Archæological Society's Papers, Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society's Transactions, Norvicensian, Norwich C.E.Y.M.S. Journal, and Progress (Y.M.C.A.); and Engravings, Etchings, Maps (that of Norfolk by the Ordnance Survey being now complete), Old Newspapers, Pamphlets, Portraits, Views, &c., of a specially local nature.

Annual Reports from the following similar Libraries have been received, the figures where given denoting the number of the Report and apparent age of the Library:—Aberdeen 11, Barrow-in-Furness 12, Belfast 7, Birkenhead 38 and 39, Birmingham 33, Blackburn, Blackpool 15, Bootle 8, Bradford 28, Buxton 6, Cambridge 40, Cardiff 33, Carlisle 1, Cheltenham 11, Chester 17, Derby 24, Doncaster 25 Ealing 12, Folkestone 13, Glasgow (Baillie's Institution), Halifax, Handsworth 15, Hanley 8, Leamington Spa, Leeds 25, Leicester 24, Liverpool 42—London: Clapham 8, Clerkenwell 8, Minet 5, St. George, Hanover Square 1; St. Giles', St. Martin-in-the-Fields and St. Paul, Covent Garden; St. Saviour's, Southwark 1; Westminster 38—Longton, Manchester 43, Nottingham, Plymouth 18, Portsmouth 11, Preston 16, Richmond 14, Salford 47, Sheffield 39, Smethwick, Southampton 6, St. Helen's 17, Streatham 4, Twickenham 13, Tynemouth 25, Walsall 35 and 36, Watford 24. West Bromwich 21, Widnes 8, Wigan 17, Willesden, Wimbledon 7, Wolverhampton 26, Yarmouth 9, York 2. Also recent Reports from the Deptford Library and Club, Los Angeles Public Library, Mitchell Library, Glasgow; St. Louis Merchantile Library, and Stirling's and Glasgow Public Library.

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*The following Magazines, Reviews, Newspapers, Directories, &c., are placed in the Reading-Rooms. Those marked * are placed in the Women's Reading-Room, and those marked † are presented.*

ANNUALLY.

†Australian Year-Books
Baptist Handbook
Cambridge University Calendar
Church of England Year-Book
Congregational Year-Book
County Council Year-Book
Crockford's Clerical Directory
†Durham University Calendar
Hazell's Annual
London University Calendar
Oxford University Calendar
Statesman's Year-Book
†University Corresp. Coll. Calendar

QUARTERLY.

Edinburgh Review
*Englishwoman's Review
Journal of Board of Agriculture
Navy List
Quarterly Review

MONTHLY.

*†Animal World (1 in Men's)
*Argosy (1 in Men's)
Army List
*Art Journal
*Atalanta
Atlantic Monthly
Belgravia
Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine
Board of Trade Journal
†Building Society's Gazette
†Canadian Patent Office Record
*Cassell's Family Mag. (1 in Men's)
*Century Illustrated
*Chambers's Journal (1 in Men's)
Chapman's Magazine
†Child's Guardian
*†Concord (1 in Men's)
Contemporary Review
Cornhill Magazine
†Cottager and Artizan
†Educational Times
*English Illustrated Magazine
*†Financial Reformer (1 in Men's)
†Fire and Water
Fortnightly Review
†Free Life (1 in Men's)
†Free Russia

MONTHLY (*continued*).

Gentleman's Magazine
*Girl's Own Paper
*†Glad Tidings (1 in Men's)
Good Words
*Goodwill
*Harper's Magazine
*Household Words
Idler
†Insurance and Banking Review
†Jewish Intelligence
†Journal of Professional Musicians
†Labour Gazette
Leisure Hour
London Society
Longman's Magazine
Macmillan's Magazine
Magazine of Art
*†Musical Herald, Tonic Sol-Fa Rep.
*†Musical Times
National Review
†Nature Notes
†New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century
*†Our Own Gazette
*†Our Work at Home and Abroad
†Personal Rights Journal
†Plumber and Decorator
Quiver
Review of Reviews
Science Gossip
*Scribner's Magazine
Strand Magazine
*Sunday at Home
Temple Bar
†Tract Magazine
†University Correspondent
†Vegetarian Messenger
Westminster Review
Zoologist
†Zoophilist

TRI-WEEKLY.

Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart

BI-WEEKLY.

*†Norwich Mercury (1 in Men's)
given

WEEKLY.

Army and Navy Gazette
Athenæum
Australasian
Boot and Shoe Trades Journal
†Boston Independent
Boy's Own Paper
Builder
Building News
†Bullionist
†Cambridge Independent
†Canadian Gazette
Cassell's Saturday Journal
†Catholic Times
†Christian Life and Unitarian Her.
*†Christian World (2 in Men's) 1 giv.
*Christian World, Family Circle Ed.
*Church Times
*†Church Weekly (1 in Men's)
*†Churchwoman
†Civil Service Aspirant
*†Civil Service Competitor (1 Men's)
†Colliery Guardian
*†Co-operative News (1 in Men's)
*†Cromer and North Walsham Post
*†Daylight (2 in Men's)
Detroit Free Press
†Draper's Record
†Drapery World
*†Eastern Weekly Press
Electrician
Engineer
Engineering
England
†English Churchman
English Mechanic
Era
*Family Herald and Supplement
Feathered World
Field
*Fun
Gardeners' Magazine
†Gardening World
*Graphic (1 in Men's)
*Guardian
*Illus. London News (1 in Men's)
Illus. Official Journal (Patents)
Invention
*†Ipswich Journal
†Journal of Society of Arts
Judy
*Lady's Pictorial
Land and Water
†Literary World
†Local Government Journal
†Lowestoft Journal
†Lowestoft Standard
†Lynn Advertiser
†Lynn News and County Press
Mechanical World
*†Midland Counties Herald

WEEKLY (*continued*).

Nature
Newcastle Chronicle
*†Norfolk Chron. (1 in Men's), 1 giv.
*†Norfolk News (1 in Men's), 1 giv.
*†Norfolk Weekly Standard and Argus (1 in Men's), 1 given
Notes and Queries
*†Our Weekly
†Parish Councillor
*†People's Weekly Journal
Phonetic Journal
†Present Truth
Public Opinion
*Punch (1 in Men's)
*Queen
Saturday Review
†School Board Chronicle
*School Guardian
Schoolmaster
*Schoolmistress
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List
†Shoe and Leather Record
*Spare Moments
Speaker
Spectator
†Sydney Mail
†Tablet
†Tailor and Cutter
*†Temperance Chronicle
*Tit Bits
Trade Marks Journal
Truth
United Ireland
Volunteer Service Gazette
†Weekly Register
Weekly Sun
Westminster Budget
*†Worcester Herald
Work
†Yarmouth Independent
*Young Ladies' Journal

DAILY.

Birmingham Post
Chronicle (in Lobby)
East Anglian Times (in Lobby)
*†Eastern Daily Press (2 in Men's) 1 given
†Eastern Evening News (1 also in Lobby), 1 given
Echo (in Lobby)
Manchester Guardian
News
Norfolk Standard (in Lobby)
Pall Mall Gazette
*Standard (1 in Men's)
Star (in Lobby)
*Telegraph (1 in Men's)
†Times, 1 given
Westminster Gazette
Yorkshire Post

Railway Time Tables.

Bradshaw, and Continental in season
†Cook's Excursionist
†Great Eastern
†Great Eastern Continental
†Great Northern
†Great Western
†London and Northern Western
†London and South Western
†London, Brighton, and South Coast
†London, Chatham, and Dover
†Midland
†Midland and Gt. Northern Joint
†Norwich—Fletcher's and Jarrold's
†South Eastern

Kelly's Directories.

Beds, Hunts, and Northamptonshire.
Berks, Bucks, and Oxon
Birmingham, Staffs, Warwickshire, and Worcestershire
Cambs, Norfolk, and Suffolk
Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Rutland, and Notts
Devonshire and Cornwall
Essex, Herts, and Middlesex
Hants, Wilts, and Dorsetshire
Kent, Surrey, and Sussex
Lancashire, Liverpool, and Manchester
Lincolnshire, with Hull and Neighbourhood
London
London Suburban
Somersetshire and Gloucestershire, with Bristol
Yorks (West Riding; and North and East Ridings, with York)

A B C Hotel Guide for Travellers; and Leigh's List of English Clubs
Acts of Parliament—Educational, Local, Social, &c.
Advertiser's A B C of Official Scales and Charges and Press Directory; and Practical Advertising
Almanacks—British, Financial Reform, Whitaker's, &c.
Bartlett's Familiar Quotations; and Southgate's Many Thoughts
Brewer's Historic Note-Book, Phrase and Fable, and Reader's Handbook
Bryan s Dictionary of Painters and Engravers.
Business Directory of London and Provincial and Foreign Trade Guide
Chambers's (Ed. by E. Preston) and Dougal & Co.'s Indexes to Next of Kin
Civil Service Year-Book and Guides—A B C, Cassell's, and Johnson's
Commercial Directory of the United Kingdom and the Continent
Dictionaries—Dano-Norwegian, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Latin, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, and Welsh
Directories—Foresters', Medical, Rechabite, and Scholastic
Eastern Counties Business and International Mercantile Directories
Export Merchant Shippers and Manufacturers' Trade Directory
Grove's Dictionary of Music; and Quain's Dictionary of Medicine
Haydn's Dictionary of Dates; and Townsend's Manual of Dates
Kelly's Directory of Merchants, Manufacturers, and Shippers
Kelly's Handbook to the Titled, Landed, and Official Classes
King's Classical and Foreign Quotations, Translations and Indexes
Lodge's Peerage and Baronetage of the British Empire
Men and Women of the Reign, and of the Time
Patents for Inventions—Abridgments of Specifications
Sell's Dictionary of the World's Press and Advertisers' Reference Book
Spencer's Things New and Old; and Cawdray's Treasury of Similes
Stubbs's Directory of Great Britain and the Continent
The Book of Mormon, the Koran, and the Talmud.

The Shipping Gazette and Time Tables are placed in the Lobby.

Financial Statement for the Year ending March 24th, 1896.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand, March 25th, 1895 ...	475	4	11
„ 1d. in the £ raised with the Borough Rate...	1245	0	0
„ Rents	55	5	4
„ Sale of Borrowers' Cards	14	12	2
„ Sale of Catalogues	8	5	8
„ Books, Post Cards, Waste, &c.	10	1	9
„ School of Art moiety of cost of Water ...	2	12	6
Total	£1811	2	4

PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
By Salaries and Wages	474	16	10
„ Books	181	4	3
„ Newspapers and Periodicals ...	66	15	8
„ Bookbinding and Numbering	192	9	3
„ Printing and Stationery	27	12	11
„ Insurance	12	12	6
„ Gas and Coals	23	1	3
„ Water	5	5	0
„ Repairs to Buildings	36	4	4
„ Alterations (including Stove)	355	6	2
„ Bookshelves, Fittings, and Furniture ...	107	17	3
„ Electric Light	92	10	8
„ Sundries	20	18	5
„ Balance in hand, March 24th, 1896 ...	214	7	10
Total	£1811	2	4

Amount received by the Librarian for Fines, £58 18s. 5d.; Balance in hand per last Report. £17 5s. 11d.; total, £76 4s. 4d.—expended in the formation of a Collection of Local Books, &c., £62 4s. 0d.; Balance in hand, March 24th, 1896, £14 0s. 4d.

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RICHARD LLOYD AND ARTHUR A. PYE, ASSISTANTS.
W. H. HALL, READING-ROOM ATTENDANT. J. FINCH, SUNDAY ATTENDANT.

The Quarterly Meetings of the Committee will be held at the Library, at 4 p.m. on the following days :—

April 14th, July 14th, and October 13th, 1897 ; and January 12th, 1898.

The Sub-Committees meet when required, and are specially summoned.

E. BURGESS, PRINTER, NORWICH.

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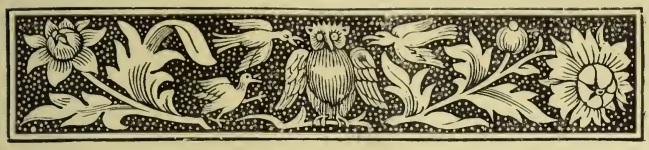
NORWICH FREE LIBRARY.

Area of the City—7587 Acres.
Estimated Population of the City, 1896—108630.
Rateable Value of the City for the Poor Rate, 1896—£342246.
Amount produced by the Rate of 1d. in the £, 1896—£1290.
Libraries Act Adopted—1850.
Library Opened—March, 1857.
Present Librarian Appointed—January, 1877.
Library Lighted by Electricity—February, 1889.
Reading-Rooms Opened on Sundays—February, 1890.
Library Stock—December, 1877, 3500 Books.
" " December, 1896, 29107 Books, 6647 Pamphlets.
" " per cent. of Population—December, 1877, 4·35.
" " " " December, 1896, 28·83.
Issues for Home Reading—December, 1877, 1100.
" " December, 1896, 7527.
" " Total since 1877, 1301969.



REPORT.

In submitting the Annual Report for 1896-7 your Committee have to inform the Council that the new Cotgreave Indicator, purchased by their sanction, has been received, and entries representing each work in the Lending Department (viz., 17318) written in the indicator books.

Your Committee purpose closing the Library on the 31st of May for the necessary work of fixing the indicator and re-arranging the Lending Department as may be found convenient, all books being called in then instead of in the month of August. Upon re-opening it is hoped the issuing of books will be greatly facilitated.

The books issued from the Lending Department numbered about the same as last year, viz., 386 works for each day it has been open. Another penny List of Books added to this department since August, 1895—when the second Supplementary Catalogue was published—will be printed as soon as possible.

Your Committee are pleased to inform the Council that the application made in July last for a loan of £1300, on account of the extension of the Reference-Room and fittings, the new indicator, and the much-needed repair of the building, has received the sanction of the Local Government Board.

It has been manifest for some time past that the whole of the stonework of the building was getting into a very dilapidated condition, needing thorough restoration. The City Engineer prepared specifications and called for tenders for this work; and your Committee recommended for acceptance the tender of Messrs. A. Dreyfus & Co., of London, for £491, to restore the building with Tabary's Patent Metallic Stone Cement, by the use of which the architectural features and projections will be preserved, instead of being largely reduced and altered by cutting away decayed stone, as would have been necessary by other methods. The above recommendation has since been confirmed by the Council.

At the same time a tender from Messrs. J. Downing & Son, for £87, to provide scaffolding for the above work and for painting the exterior woodwork, and a tender from the same firm, for £87 15s., for shelving the new portion of the Reference-Room, were also approved. The contracts are now being carried out.

The work on the Reference Catalogue has been delayed by the necessity of preparing the indicator books for use. Meantime, your Committee, in order to make the Reference Department more complete, are adding numerous standard works thereto—which now contain, with the Local Collection, about 12,000 vols. During the year 6585 works have been consulted, which may be thus classified—Science, &c., 400; Biography, &c., 117; Poetry and Drama, 50; Fiction, 207; History and Travel, 842; Miscellaneous, 4327; Law and Theology, 334; and Natural History, 308.

The Students' Room has been in great request by the Norwich Branch of the National Home Reading Union, the subjects taken being—Modern French Literature, leader, Mr. C. Gould; and Political Economy, leader, Rev. M. Kaufmann.

The literature in connection with the University Extension and Norfolk County Council Lectures, sent from Cambridge, have been placed in the room for the use of Students.

The Sunday attendances at the Reading-Rooms continue to show that the privilege is appreciated.

Discarded books have been sent as hitherto to the City Asylum, the Workhouse, and the Isolation Hospital.

With reference to the Juvenile Department, a communication has been sent to the Norwich School Board as to future arrangements for the circulation of the books.

The good order prevailing and the smooth working of the institution reflect credit on the Librarian and his assistants.

THOMAS S. BREESE,

Chairman.

On pages 8 to 19 are particulars of the borrowers (ages, sexes, and occupations, with the wards in which they resided), borrowers' cards, issues of books for 1896-7 and from 1878, the Juvenile Department, selections of books, &c., and the donors—but the following compressed statistics show more readily the position and working of the Library in the year 1896-7 :—

LENDING DEPARTMENT—

Stock, 17,318 volumes; being in—

Art, Science, and Political Economy...	1896	increase	49
Biography and Correspondence... ...	1467	,,	24
Poetry and Drama	702	,,	10
Fiction	5739	,,	340
History and Travel	2197	,,	17
Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellaneous	4308	,,	98
Law and Theology	672	,,	8
Natural History	337	,,	8
Totals	17318	,,	554
,, last year	16764	,,	556

Days opened	233	last year	236
Borrowers' Cards issued (inclu. duplicates), say	27 50	,,	3100
Actual number of borrowers, say ...	4000	,,	4300
New borrowers	825	,,	880
Average issues to each borrower ...	23	,,	21

Issues, 89875 (91795 volumes); being in—

Art, Science, and Political Economy ...	2190	decrease	164
Biography and Correspondence	1002	,,	363
Poetry and Drama	588		61
Fiction	75555	increase	1905
History and Travel	2882	decrease	505
Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellaneous...	6655	,,	1386
Law and Theology	487	increase	19
Natural History	516	decrease	10
Totals	89875	,,	565
,, last year	90440	,,	2290
Average daily issues	386	last year	382

Issues in 1878, 26308—averaging 99 daily.

LENDING DEPARTMENT (*continued*)—

Fines for overdue books	£53/16/4	last year	£58/18/5
Catalogues	£5/7/2	„	£7/13/2
Books replaced	336	„	307
Books repaired at Library and by Binders (including Juvenile Department) ...	3783	„	4373
Juvenile Department—			
Stock, volumes	3025	„	3050
Books sent to 24 schools (5th circulation)	2770	„	2770
Months books issued	4	„	12
Issues	9950	„	43054
Total Lending Stock, volumes	20343	„	19814
„ Issues (Library and Schools) volumes	101745	„	133494

PRESENT STOCK –

Books—			
Lending Department	17318	increase	554
Ditto (Juvenile)	3025	decrease	25
Reference Department	8886	increase	436
Ditto (Local Collection)	3218	„	231
Totals	32447	„	1196
„ last year	31251	„	948
Pamphlets—			
Reference Department	2254	„	173
Ditto (Local Collection)	4454	„	127
Totals	6708	„	300
„ last year	6408	„	753

Stock in December, 1877, about 3500 books.

PERCENTAGES (excluding Juvenile Department)—

Lending Stock (17318 volumes)... ...	17·15	per cent. of	Population.
Issues (89875)	89·01	„	„
Actual Borrowers (say 4000)	3·96	„	„
Total Stock (29422 volumes)	29·14	„	„

The Lending Department is open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., except Sundays, Thursdays, Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Bank Holidays; and the Reading-Rooms for Men and Women (on the first floor) are open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., except Sundays (when it is from 3 to 9 p.m.), Christmas Day, and Good Friday.

Ages of Borrowers.

	New Borrowers in 1896-7.	Borrowers since Dec. 1st, 1877.
Above 14 and under 20	389	8837
,, 20 ,, 25	123	2524
,, 25 ,, 30	71	1730
,, 30 ,, 35	56	1219
,, 35 ,, 40	33	898
,, 40 ,, 45	30	634
,, 45 ,, 50	14	421
,, 50 ,, 55	11	351
,, 55 ,, 60	4	195
,, 60	22	436
Not stated	72	1241
Totals	825	18486

Cards Issued and Sexes of Borrowers.

Years.	Cards Issued.	New Borrowers.		Borrowers since Dec 1st, 1877.
1877-8*	1545	1545	(260 females, 1285 males)	1545
1879	1782	802	(201 ,, 601 ,,)	2347
1880	2000	770	(202 ,, 568 ,,)	3117
1881	2000	683	(193 ,, 490 ,,)	3800
1882	2200	780	(226 ,, 554 ,,)	4580
1883	2500	934	(284 ,, 650 ,,)	5514
1884	2850	952	(343 ,, 609 ,,)	6466
1885	3250	1034	(414 ,, 620 ,,)	7500
1886-7†	3739	1319	(541 ,, 778 ,,)	8819
1887-8	3900	1020	(425 ,, 595 ,,)	9839
1888-9	3820	1020	(450 ,, 570 ,,)	10859
1889-90	4060	1058	(510 ,, 548 ,,)	11917
1890-91	4100	953	(431 ,, 522 ,,)	12870
1891-2	4100	1063	(439 ,, 624 ,,)	13933
1892-3	4200	1006	(464 ,, 542 ,,)	14939
1893-4	3700	874	(421 ,, 453 ,,)	15813
1894-5	3400	968	(495 ,, 473 ,,)	16781
1895-6	3100	880	(441 ,, 439 ,,)	17661
1896-7	2750	825	(423 ,, 402 ,,)	18486
Total	58996	18486	(7163 ,, 11323 ,,)	

* Thirteen Months. † Fifteen Months.

Occupations of New Borrowers.

Agents	3
Apprentices	5
Architects and Draughtsman	3
Assistants	9
Baker and Confectioners ...	5
Barmaids	2
Bookbinders	2
Bookseller and Newsagent ...	2
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	19
Boxmakers	2
Bricklayers	3
Brushmakers	4
Butchers	4
Butler and Coachman ...	2
Canvasser and Collector ...	2
Caretakers	4
Carpenters and Joiner ...	6
Cashier and Salesman ...	2
Chemists	4
Cigar-makers	2
Clergymen and Minister ...	4
Clerks	53
Clickers	10
Clothier and Cutter ...	2
Dealer and Fruiterer ...	2
Dentist and Surgical Mechanic	2
Domestic Servants... ...	15
Drapers	13
Dressmakers and Milliners ...	20
Electricians	5
Engine Cleaners	2
Engineers	4
Errand Boys	13
Finishers	4
Fitters	15
Foremen and Managers ...	6
Gardeners	2
Carried forward	257

Brought forward	257
Gentleman and Independent	5
Grocers	14
Hairdressers	2
Harness-maker and Saddler...	2
House Boys	2
Housekeepers	7
Labourers	3
Lamplighter and Waterman...	2
Licensed Victuallers ...	3
Machinists	18
Messengers and Newsboy ...	5
Mother's Helps	2
Office Boys	8
Organ Builders	2
Packers and Porters ...	14
Pages	2
Painters and Plumber ...	5
Photographers	2
Policeman and Postman ...	2
Printers	11
Railway Employés.. ...	2
Scholars and Students ...	47
Schoolmasters, Mistresses, and Teachers	49
Shopkeepers	4
Silk Winders	2
Soldiers	2
Tailors and Tailoresses ..	32
Telegraphists	4
Tinsmiths	4
Travellers	2
Upholsterer and Upholsteresses	3
Warehousemen	7
Weavers	3
Miscellaneous	61
Not stated	235
Total	825

Wards wherein Borrowers Resided.

		Population in 1891.	New Borrowers in 1896-7.	Borrowers since Mar. 25th, 1894.
1.	Conisford ...	6091 ...	58 ...	194
2.	Ber Street ...	8426 ...	43 ...	155
3.	Mancroft ...	4573 ...	48 ..	151
4.	Westwick ...	6852 ...	61 ...	220
5.	Coslany ...	6691 ...	45 ...	144
6.	Fye Bridge ...	7775 ...	41 ...	119
7.	Thorpe ..	5420 ...	62 ...	184
8.	Lakenham ...	5450 ...	34 ...	114
9.	Town Close ...	5970 ...	48 ..	148
10.	Eaton ...	6971 ...	113 ...	295
11.	Nelson ...	6216 ...	63 ...	207
12.	Earlham ...	5712 ...	61 ...	228
13.	Heigham ...	5963 ...	41 ...	122
14.	Wensum ...	6224 ...	36 ...	130
15.	Catton ...	7016 ...	43 ...	145
16.	Mousehold ...	5620 ...	28 ...	117
	Totals	100970	825	2673

In previous Reports the above statistics were given for the *Eight Wards* into which the City was formerly divided, the total of 15813 Borrowers to March 25th, 1894, being apportioned as follows:—First Ward, 1169; Second, 1074; Third, 6132; Fourth, 387; Fifth, 1596; Sixth, 1715; Seventh, 2249; and Eighth, 1491—these with the 2673 tabulated above making a total of 18486 Borrowers since December 1st, 1877.

Classified Register of Issues of Books for 1896-7.

Months, 1896-7.	Days open.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corspondnce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews. and Miscellanus.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Monthly Issues.	Average Daily Issues.
March (aft. 25th)	4	56	36	19	1395	72	152	13	16	1759	431
April	19	212	86	49	6752	297	706	44	68	8214	432
May	21	201	101	60	7149	258	619	55	51	8494	405
June	22	164	67	54	6526	225	530	48	34	7648	348
July	22	168	79	48	6394	206	574	36	36	7541	343
August	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
September... ...	22	166	76	40	6664	184	484	39	53	7706	350
October	22	182	84	43	7030	212	548	44	31	8174	372
November... ...	21	225	79	58	6730	324	607	42	48	8113	386
December... ...	20	224	99	66	6172	284	602	42	38	7527	376
January	22	205	86	59	7514	321	679	41	38	8943	407
February	20	202	122	52	6921	311	589	46	54	8297	415
March (to 25th)	18	185	87	40	6308	188	565	37	49	7459	414
Totals	233	2190	1002	588	75555	2882	6655	487	516	89875	386
Percentages '96-7	...	2·44	1·11	0·66	84·07	3·21	7·40	0·54	0 57	...	...
Percentages '95-6	...	2·60	1·51	0·72	81·44	3·74	8·89	0·52	0·58	..	...

Classified Register of Issues of Books from 1878 to 1896-7.

Years.	Days open.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corspondnce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellanus.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Yearly Issues.	Average Daily Issues.
1878	267	978	1132	595	18485	1814	2779	270	255	26308	99
1879	291	843	964	353	21300	1828	3443	560	911	30202	104
1880	290	1141	1697	639	19733	3030	5119	339	336	32034	110
1881	231	907	1903	501	18881	2749	7323	295	277	32836	142
1882	196	921	1311	318	19318	2577	5736	211	500	30892	158
1883	244	1437	1148	566	32586	3033	9512	202	422	48906	200
1884	242	1547	1315	550	41233	3217	9396	192	356	57806	239
1885	238	1751	1742	552	47326	2891	10755	282	704	66003	277
*1886	239	1779	1734	510	55318	3433	11251	317	774	75116	314
*1887	60	434	379	124	15042	687	3037	95	113	19911	332
1887–8	242	1713	1271	763	57440	2342	12728	293	700	77250	319
1888–9	233	2199	1170	809	60849	2465	12361	364	848	81065	348
1889–90	235	2639	1501	844	67297	3089	12199	455	828	88852	378
1890–91	235	2737	1570	887	69096	3223	12020	536	914	90983	387
1891–2	234	2772	1607	871	71593	4045	10480	473	942	92783	397
1892–3	233	2700	1543	791	71245	4430	9536	454	923	91622	392
1893–4	232	2304	1298	726	68678	3261	8918	465	705	86355	372
1894–5	235	2555	1099	640	75413	2676	9207	577	563	92730	395
1895–6	236	2354	1365	649	73650	3387	8041	468	526	90440	382
1896–7	233	2190	1002	588	75555	2882	6655	487	516	89875	386
Totals	4646	35901	26751	12276	980038	57059	170496	7335	12113	1301969	280
Percntg.	...	2·76	2·06	0·94	75·27	4·38	13·10	0·56	0·93	...	...

* In 1887 the Library year commenced March 26th instead of January 1st. For comparing yearly issues those for 1886 and the first three months of 1887 are given as above; and on page 13, for comparing monthly issues, those for March (after 25th), 1887 to 1896, are added to those for March (to 25th), 1888 to 1897 respectively.

Monthly Issues of Books from 1878 to 1896-7.

Years.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Yearly Totals.
1878	2092	2245	2576	2384	2455	2172	2374	2173	613	2438	2620	2166	26308
1879	2791	2649	3094	2688	2542	2162	2714	1109	2033	2862	2708	2850	30202
1880	2936	2840	2586	3105	3012	2864	2835	1217	1686	3113	3168	2672	32034
1881	2517	2842	3180	3162	2878	2736	2873	527	2442	3300	3319	3060	32836
1882	2818	3410	3709	3489	3568	3425	3596	1301	closed ten	wks extra	2180	3396	30892
1883	4197	3895	4703	4324	4332	4069	4034	1461	3973	4870	4720	4328	48906
1884	4040	5049	5640	5119	5399	4666	4806	1620	5148	5378	5558	5383	57806
1885	5607	5520	6190	5393	5775	5484	5515	1940	5710	6799	6200	5870	66003
*1886	6826	6683	7913	6696	6891	6226	6011	1880	5870	6919	6988	6213	75116
1887	7198	6652	6061	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19911
	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	
1887–8	6429	6565	6145	6256	2080	6400	7098	7259	6931	7325	7207	7555	77250
1888–9	7273	6903	6718	6682	...	6737	7374	7435	7461	7880	7746	8856	81065
1889–90	7895	7636	7061	7718	...	7506	8242	8729	7725	8990	8445	8905	88852
1890–91	8330	8168	7649	7994	..	8236	8349	8212	7839	9106	8252	8848	90983
1891–2	7535	8405	7751	7738	...	8341	8886	8619	8201	9702	9377	8228	92783
1892–3	8489	8001	7229	7836	...	8079	8838	8872	8345	9389	8633	7911	91622
1893–4	7845	6706	6657	7353	...	7572	8182	8027	7997	9383	8316	8317	86355
1894–5	8453	8060	8235	7636	...	7614	8307	8306	8109	9218	8687	10105	92730
1895–6	8494	8117	7526	7563	...	7234	7881	8648	7968	9007	8865	9137	90440
1896–7	8214	8494	7648	7541	...	7706	8174	8113	7527	8943	8297	9218	89875
Totals	115317	113907	106423	109075	15308	102900	117010	119681	114041	129965	125610	132732	1301969
Percntg	8·86	8·75	8 17	8·38	1·18	7·90	8 99	9·19	8·76	9·98	9·65	10·19	...

* See note on page 12.

Issues of Books in Elementary Schools for 1896-7.

(Fifth Circulation.)

SCHOOLS. Schools in Standard IV. and upwards.	Books Sent.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Total Issues.	Times Books Issued.	Average per Time.
Bull Close Road ...	160	115	167	38	0	320	8	40
Crook's Place	200	255	270	388	78	991	12	83
Heigham Street ...	100	68	115	109	17	309	10	31
Lakenham	120	165	162	157	26	510	12	43
*St. Augustine, senior	280	485	889	907	199	2480	11	226
St. Philip	80	26	19	21	3	69	10	7
†St. Stephen	60	48	61	74	14	197	10	20
Surrey Road	90	75	20	0	0	95	4	24
Thorpe Hamlet ...	180	174	306	285	69	834	11	76
Boys' Schools ...	1270	1411	2009	1979	406	5805	88	66
Avenue Road	180	36	36	37	0	109	7	16
Eaton	50	36	39	32	0	107	9	12
St. Martin-at-Palace...	50	90	70	74	0	234	11	21
St. Stephen	50	63	43	60	13	179	10	18
Mixed Schools ...	330	225	188	203	13	629	37	17
Bull Close Road ..	130	84	38	0	0	122	4	31
Heigham Street ...	80	74	151	247	54	526	13	41
Horn's Lane	80	143	142	175	0	460	10	46
Lakenham	100	0	31	0	0	31	2	16
Model	120	62	91	119	29	301	10	30
Nelson Street... ...	170	134	253	235	48	670	11	61
St. Augustine... ..	220	158	132	123	0	413	10	41
St. Giles	70	18	31	27	0	76	9	9
St. Miles	60	39	52	45	0	136	7	20
St. Philip	70	126	175	115	55	471	8	59
Surrey Road	70	69	114	101	26	310	10	31
Girls' Schools ..	1170	907	1210	1187	212	3516	94	37
Boys' Schools ..	1270	1411	2009	1979	406	5805	88	66
Mixed Schools ...	330	225	188	203	13	629	37	17
Totals	2770	2543	3407	3369	631	9950	219	45

* Transferred to Angel Road (Mixed). † Transferred to St. Bartholomew (Boys).

A Selection from the Additions to the Library during 1896-7.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Armstrong's God and the Soul. Arnold's (M.) Letters, 1848-88. Barrett's Intermediate State. Barrie's Margaret Ogilvy. Blaxland's "Mayflower" Essays. Buchan s Scholar-Gipsies. Burns's Systematic Small Farming. Carroll s Symbolic Logic. Cat and Bird Stories from the Spectator. Chess Tournament, Hastings, 1895, Account of the 230 Games. Clarke's (Mary C.) My Long Life. Clodd's Pioneers of Evolution. Cobden's Life, by J. Morley. Co-operation in Land Tillage. Davidson's New Ballads. Dolling s Ten Years in a Portsmouth Slum. Froude's Lectures on the Council of Trent. Geikie's Landmarks of Old Testament History. Gladstone's Studies Subsidiary to the Works of Bishop Butler. Gore's Sermon on the Mount. Hare's Gurneys of Earlham. Heine on Shakespeare, a Translation of His Notes on Shakespeare Heroines by Ida Benecke. Huntly's Travels, Sport, and Politics in the East of Europe. Hutton's Vaccination Question. Keats's Letters. Kinglake's Eothen. Kipling's Seven Seas. Lefèvre's Marvels of Architecture. Lowell's Poetical Works. Mason's Principles of Chess. McKenzie's Sober by Act of Parliament. McMaster's Bridge and Tunnel Centres. Meiklejohn's English Language. Murdoch's Constitutional Reform. Paul's William Godwin, His Friends and Contemporaries. Randegger's Frivolin. Renan's Brother and Sister. Reynolds's Complete Works. Saintsbury's Corrected Impressions. Sauzay's Marvels of Glass-Making. Shorter's Charlotte Brontë and Her Circle. Stevenson's Edinburgh. Thompson's Theory of Wages. Urquhart's Electric Light Fitting. Williams's Dogs and Their Ways. Wylie's Labour, Leisure, and Luxury. Zangwill's Without Prejudice.

The following series of works have been added to:—Fur and Feather, Gentleman's Magazine Library, International Science, Rulers of India, Social Science, and Story of the Nations. New works of fiction by leading novelists and the principal Magazines to date have also been added.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Amberley's Analysis of Religious Belief. Anti-Vivisection Question (pamphlets). Archæologia (vols 36-51). Askew's Pros and Cons, Reader's and Debater's Guide. Bailey's Diary of a Resurrectionist, 1811-12; with Account of Resurrection Men. Bickerdyke's Curiosities of Ale and Beer. Burton's (R. F.) Life, by His Wife. Cambridge Natural History, Edited by S. F. Harmer and A. E. Shipley. Chaffers's Hall Marks on Gold and Silver Plate, and Marks, &c., on Pottery and Porcelain. Cripps's Old English Plate.

Cunningham's Natural History of Marketable Marine Fishes. Dictionary of the Bible, by W. Smith and J. M. Fuller. Drake's Literary Hours, and Noontide Leisure. Fleischmann's Book of the Dairy. Fuller's Historie of the Holy Warre (1639). Geikie's Life and Words of Christ. Gould's Religious Belief. Guinness's Creation Centred in Christ. Holmes's Descriptive Catalogue of Books in His Library. Holy Bible in Phonography. Hooker's (R.) Works. Jones's Initial Letters. Kerner's Natural History of Plants. Landor's Works. Lecky's Democracy and Liberty. Notes from Ireland (1896). Parker's History of His Own Time. Parliamentary Papers, Reports, and Returns. Public General Acts. Pugin's Gothic Ornaments. Registration of Title to Land. Report and Debate on Intemperance (1894). Ruskin's Love's Meinie. Russell's Author's Manual. Shakespearian—Bormann's Shakespeare-Secret; Ellis's Shakespeare and the Bible; Fifty Sonnets, with Their Scriptural Harmonies; Heine on Shakespeare (Heroines), Translated by Ida Benecke; Shakespeare's Plays, from the Correct Edition of I. Reed, with Life, Johnson's Preface, and Farmer's Essay; Vaughan's New Readings and New Renderings of Shakespeare's Tragedies; Ward's Shakespeare's Town and Times. Shelley's Complete Poetical Works. Sidney's Arcadia. Simms's Practical Tunnelling Skeat s Student's Pastime. Slater's Engravings and Their Value. Spencer's Works. Standard Dictionary of the English Language, by J. Funk and others. Stubbs's Select Charters Swinburne's Poetical Works. Systems of Land Tenure in various Countries. Tracts for the Times, 1834-6. Urwick's Nonconformity in Worcester. Wagner's Names and Their Meaning.

Works in parts or volumes as published have here, too, been added—such as Abridgments of Specifications for Patents, Badminton Library of Sports and Pastimes, Board of Trade and Trade Marks Journals, Book-Lover's Library, Dictionary of National Biography, Early English Text and Palæontographical Societies' Publications, Gentleman's Magazine Library, Historical Manuscripts Commission's Report, Indexes to Periodical Literature, Mermaid Series of the Best Plays of the Old Dramatists, and New English Dictionary; also Proceedings and Reports of the British Association, Egypt and Palestine Exploration Funds, Royal Colonial Institute, Royal Geographical Society, and Smithsonian Institution. The following are periodically bound—Daylight, Eastern Daily Press, Norfolk Daily Standard, Times (daily edition, and Index thereto purchased as published), the leading Illustrated Magazines and Newspapers, and Literary, Professional, and Religious Journals.

The Trustees of the British Museum have kindly forwarded, Catalogues of Birds, vols. 24, 25, and 27; Fossil Bryozoa (Jurassic); Fossil Fishes, part 3; Fossil Plants (Wealden Flora), part 2; Madreporarian Corals, vol. 2; Seals in the Department of Manuscripts, vol. 4; Snakes, vol. 3; Stowe Manuscripts, vols. 1 and 2; and of the Printed Books, 20 parts: also Facsimiles of Royal and other Autographs, 2nd series; Guide to the British Mycetozoa; Index of Artists, vol. 2, French Schools; and Introduction to the Study of Rocks.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Aram's (Eugene) Trial and Life, with Letters, Poems, &c. Austin's Characteristics of Goethe Barber's Works. Barker's Parriana. Barrett's (G. S.) Temptation of Christ Barrett's (J. T.) Attleborough Memorials. Bateman's, The Idiot. Beloe's Miscellanies. Berners's Treatyse of Fysshynge (reprint). Bibliotheca Norfolciensis, Catalogue of Local Works in Mr. J. J. Colman's Library. Brady's Cities and Burghs, and Determinations (MS.). Breviarium Romanum, Edited by F. C. Husenbeth. Brook's Experiments and Remarks on Electricity (1789). Candler's Notes on Redenhall with Harleston. De Lawne's Translation of Du Moulin's Logic (1624). Dodd's On the Broads. Dodwell's Pocket County Companion for Norfolk. Dunster's How to Make the Land Pay. Eastlake's (Lady) Journals and Correspondence. Fitzball's Dramatic Author's Life. Girdlestone's All the Odes of Pindar. Godwin's Life of Chaucer, and Lives of the Necromancers. Greene's Works, Edited by A. B. Grosart. Groome's Two Suffolk Friends. Henslowe's Phonarthron. Hudson's How the City of Norwich Grew into Shape. Jenkinson's God's Winepress. Jessopp's Frivola. Jodrell's Philology on the English Language, and Illustrations of Euripides. Laughton's Nelson Memorial. Le Franc's Touchstone of Truth (1662). Lefroy's Christian's Duties and Responsibilities. Legge and Hansell's Annals of the Norfolk and Norwich Triennial Musical Festivals. Life and Miracles of St. William of Norwich, Edited by A. Jessopp and M. R. James. Nelson's Life, by R. Southey; with Notes and Appendix, by D. Hannay. Norfolk Cricket Annuals. North Walsham Valuation and Assessment in 1828. Norwich Parliamentary Debating Society's Proceedings, &c., 1881-3. Old Music, by Bennett and others. Olde Tayles Newlye Relayted. Otes's Explanation of the Epistle of St. Jude. Palgrave's Truths and Fictions of the Middle Ages. Pattin's Ritual of Health for the Grown. Porter's Christophagia (1680). Pownall's Shakespeare Weighed in an Even Balance. Ross's Three Generations of Englishwomen (Mrs. John Taylor, Mrs. Sarah Austin, and Lady Duff Gordon). Rye's Glossary of Words used in East Anglia, and Index to Norfolk Pedigrees. Shadwell's Dramatick Works. Shelley's (Mary W.) Life and Letters. Stoughton's Palace of Glass, and Pen, Palm and Pulpit. Strawberry Hill and Its Inmates Tanner's Notitia Monastica, Short History (1695). Taylor's (A.) Antient Topography of the Eastern Counties. Taylor's (R. C.) Geology of East Norfolk. Whitty's Short Plays and Charades. Wilson's Court and Character of King James (1650). Windham's Crimean Diary and Letters. Winkup's Vocal Repository.

There have also been added as published, by presentation, or as special opportunities to purchase arose—Co-operative Monthly Herald, East Anglian Notes and Queries, May Blossoms, Norfolk Military Gazette, Norvicensian, Norwich Diocesan Gazette, Our Journal (C.E.Y M.S.), and Progress (Y.M.C.A.); and Engravings, Etchings, Maps, Old Newspapers, Pamphlets, Portraits, Views, &c., of a specially local nature.

REPORTS FROM OTHER LIBRARIES.

Annual Reports of similar Libraries have been received, the figures given denoting the number of the Report and apparent age of the Library:—Aberdeen 12, Ashton-under-Lyne (Heginbottom) 2, Auckland 16, Baltimore (Enoch Pratt) 11, Barrow-in-Furness 13, Belfast 8, Birmingham 34, Blackburn, Blackpool 16, Bradford 26, Buxton 7, Cambridge 41, Cardiff 34, Carlisle 2, Cheltenham 12, Chester 18, Clitheroe 18, Colchester 2, Derby 25, Doncaster 26, Falmouth 2, Glasgow (Baillie's Institution), Halifax, Handsworth 16, Hanley 9, Hove 3 and 4, Kingston-upon-Hull 1, Leamington Spa, Leeds 26, Leek (Nicholson Institute) 7, Leicester 25, Lincoln 2, Liverpool 43—London: Croydon 7, Ealing 13, Fulham 8 and 9, Hammersmith, Harlesden 3, Leyton 3, Minet 6, St. Giles, St. Leonard, Shoreditch 5; St. Martin-in-the-Fields and St. Paul, Covent Garden; St. Mary, Battersea 9; St. Saviour's, Southwark 2; Streatham (Tate) 5, Twickenham 14, West Ham, Willesden Green—Longton 5, Manchester 44, New York (Maimonides), Newcastle-upon-Tyne 15, Plymouth 19, Preston 17, Richmond 15, Salford 48, Smethwick, South Shields 23, Southampton 7, Tynemouth 26, Watford 25, West Bromwich 22, West Hartlepool 1, Wolverhampton 27, Yarmouth 10, York 3. Also recent Reports from the Oxford Bodleian Library and St. Louis Mercantile Library.

List of Donors, 1896-7.

To one or other of the Departments Books, &c., have been presented by the Agent-General of New South Wales, Mr. F. R. Beecheno, Miss I. Benecke, Mr. W. Blower, Mr. T. S. Breese, the British Association for the Advancement of Science, T. B. Browne, Ld., the late Lady I. Burton (per Publishers), Mr. G. F. Buxton, Mons. A. W. Carlier, Mr. E. W. Carlier, Mr. L. Carroll, the Central Co-operative Board, Mr. J. J. Colman, the Committees of the Libraries referred to on page 18, Mr. C. Ellis, Mr. H. F. Euren, Mr. H G. Guinness, Mr. J. H. Gurney, Mr. F. W. Harmer, Mr. Hawkes, Mr. S. Hoare, Hodges & Co., Ld., Rev. Canon H. Howell, Mr. A. W. Hutton, the Institution of Civil Engineers, the Irish Unionist Alliance, Mr. G. B. Kennett, the Labour Department of the Board of Trade, the Norfolk and Norwich Musical Festival Committee, the Patent Office, Rev. A. Pownall, the Registrars of Durham University and University Correspondence College, the Royal Colonial Institute, Mr. A. E. Rump, Mr. T. Saint, the Secretary of State for India, Mr. F. G. Shields, the Smithsonian Institution, Mr. T. Southwell, Mr. A. F. Spooner, Mr. H. M. Thompson, the Trustees of the British Museum as on page 16, the Victoria Street Society (Vivisection), Rev. C. Voysey, Messrs. F. Warne and Co., and Mr. C. Williams; also the Magazines, Newspapers, Periodicals, &c., marked † on pages 20 to 22, by Sir H. Bullard, Mr. J. Allen, other Friends, and various Proprietors thereof.

*The following Magazines, Reviews, Newspapers, Directories, &c., are placed in the Reading-Rooms. Those marked * are placed in the Women's Reading-Room, and those marked † are presented.*

ANNUALLY.

†Australian Year-Books
Baptist Handbook
Cambridge University Calendar
Church of England Year-Book
Congregational Year-Book
Crockford's Clerical Directory
†Durham University Calendar
Hazell s Annual
London University Calendar
Oxford University Calendar
Statesman's Year-Book
†University Corresp. Coll.Calendar

QUARTERLY.

Edinburgh Review
*Englishwoman's Review
Journal of Board of Agriculture
Navy List
Quarterly Review

MONTHLY.

*Argosy (1 in Men's)
Army List
Art Journal
*Atalanta
Atlantic Monthly
Belgravia
Blackwood's EdinburghMagazine
Board of Trade Journal
†Building Society s Gazette
†Canadian Patent Office Record
*Cassell's Family Mag. (1 in Men's)
*Century Illustrated
*Chambers's Journal (1 in Men's)
Chapman's Magazine
*†Child's Guardian
*Commonwealth
*†Concord (1 in Men's)
Contemporary Review
Cornhill Magazine
†Cottager and Artizan
†Educational Times
*English Illustrated Magazine
*†Financial Reformer (1 in Men's)
†Fire and Water
Fortnightly Review
*†Free Life (1 in Men's)
†Free Russia
Gentleman's Magazine

MONTHLY (*continued*).

*Girl's Own Paper
*†Glad Tidings (1 in Men's)
Good Words
*Goodwill
*Harper's Magazine
*Household Words
Idler
†Insurance and Banking Review
†Jewish Intelligence
†Journal of Professional Musicians
†Labour Gazette
Leisure Hour
London Society
Longman's Magazine
Macmillan's Magazine
Magazine of Art
*†Musical Herald,Tonic Sol-Fa Rep.
*†Musical Times
National Review
†Nature Notes
†New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century
*†Our Work at Home and Abroad
†Personal Rights Journal
†Plumber and Decorator
Quiver
Review of Reviews
Science Gossip
*Scribner's Magazine
Strand Magazine
*Sunday at Home
Temple Bar
†Tract Magazine
†University Correspondent
†Vegetarian Messenger
Westminster Review
Zoologist
†Zoophilist

TRI-WEEKLY.

Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart

BI-WEEKLY.

*†Norwich Mercury (1 in Men's), 1 given

WEEKLY.

Army and Navy Gazette
Athenæum

WEEKLY (*continued*).

Australasian
Boot and Shoe Trades Journal
†Boston Independent
Boy's Own Paper
Builder
Building News
†Bullionist
†Cambridge Independent
†Canadian Gazette
Cassell's Saturday Journal
†Catholic Times
†Christian Life and Unitarian Her.
*†Christian World (2 in men's) 1 giv.
Church Times
†Church Weekly
*†Churchwoman
†Civil Service Aspirant
*†Civil Service Competitor (1 Men's)
†Colliery Guardian
*†Co-operative News (1 in Men's)
†Councillor
*†Cromer and North Walsham Post
*†Daylight (2 in Men's), 1 given
Detroit Free Press
†Draper's Record
*†Eastern Weekly Press
Electrician
Engineer
Engineering
England
†English Churchman
English Mechanic
Era
Family Circle
*Family Herald and Supplement
Feathered World
Field
*Fun
Gardeners' Magazine
†Gardening World
*Graphic (1 in Men's)
Guardian
*Illus. London News (1 in Men's)
Illus. Official Journal (Patents)
Invention
*†Ipswich Journal
†Journal of Society of Arts
Judy
*Lady's Pictorial
Land and Water
†Literary World
†Local Government Journal
†Lowestoft Journal
†Lowestoft Standard
†Lynn Advertiser
†Lynn News and County Press
Mechanical World
*†Midland Counties Herald

WEEKLY (*continued*)

Nature
Newcastle Chronicle
*†Norfolk Chron. (1 in Men's), 1 giv.
*†Norfolk News (1 in Men's), 1 giv.
*†Norfolk Weekly Standard and Argus (1 in Men's), 1 given
Notes and Queries
*†Our Weekly
*†People's Weekly Journal
Phonetic Journal
†Present Truth
Public Opinion
*Punch (1 in Men's)
*Queen
Saturday Review
†School Board Chronicle
*School Guardian
Schoolmaster
*Schoolmistress
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List
†Shoe and Leather Record
*Spare Moments
Speaker
Spectator
†Sydney Mail
†Tablet
†Tailor and Cutter
*†Temperance Chronicle
*Tit Bits
Trade Marks Journal
Truth
Volunteer Service Gazette
†Weekly Register
Weekly Sun
Westminster Budget
*†Worcester Herald
Work
†Yarmouth Independent
*Young Ladies' Journal

DAILY.

Birmingham Post
Chronicle (in Lobby)
East Anglian Times (in Lobby)
*†Eastern Daily Press (2 in Men's), 1 given
†Eastern Evening News (1 also in Lobby), 1 given
Echo (in Lobby)
Manchester Guardian
News
Norfolk Standard (in Lobby)
Pall Mall Gazette
*Standard (1 in Men's)
Star (in Lobby)
*Telegraph (1 in Men's)
†Times, 1 given
Westminster Gazette
Yorkshire Post

Railway Time Tables.

Bradshaw, and Continental in season
†Cook's Excursionist
†Great Eastern
†Great Eastern Continental
†Great Northern
†Great Western
†London and Northern Western
†London and South Western
†London, Brighton, and South Coast
†London, Chatham, and Dover
†Midland
†Midland and Gt. Northern Joint
†Norwich—Fletcher's and Jarrold's
†South Eastern

Kelly's Directories.

Beds, Hunts, and Northamptonshire
Berks, Bucks, and Oxon
Birmingham, Staffs, Warwickshire, and Worcestershire
Cambs, Norfolk, and Suffolk
Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Rutland, and Notts
Devonshire and Cornwall
Essex, Herts, and Middlesex
Hants, Wilts, and Dorsetshire
Kent, Surrey, and Sussex
Lancashire, Liverpool, and Manchester
Lincolnshire, with Hull and Neighbourhood
London
London Suburban
Somersetshire and Gloucestershire, with Bristol
Yorks (West Riding; and North and East Ridings, with York)

A B C Hotel Guide for Travellers; and Leigh's List of English Clubs
Acts of Parliament—Educational, Local, Social, &c.
Advertiser's A B C of Official Scales and Charges and Press Directory; and Practical Advertising
Almanacks—British, Financial Reform, Whitaker's, &c.
Bartlett's Familiar Quotations; and Southgate's Many Thoughts
Brewer's Historic Note-Book, Phrase and Fable, and Reader's Handbook
Bryan's Dictionary of Painters and Engravers
Business Directory of London and Provincial and Foreign Trade Guide
Chambers's (Ed. by E. Preston) and Dougal & Co.'s Indexes to Next of Kin
Civil Service Year-Book and Guides—A B C, Cassell's, and Johnson's
Commercial Directory of the United Kingdom and the Continent
Dictionaries—Arabic, Dano-Norwegian, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Latin, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, and Welsh
Directories—Foresters', Medical, Rechabite, and Scholastic
Eastern Counties Business and International Mercantile Directories
Export Merchant Shippers and Manufacturers' Trade Directory
Grove's Dictionary of Music; and Quain's Dictionary of Medicine
Haydn's Dictionary of Dates; and Townsend's Manual of Dates
Kelly's Directory of Merchants, Manufacturers, and Shippers
Kelly's Handbook to the Titled, Landed, and Official Classes
King's Classical and Foreign Quotations, Translations and Indexes
Lodge's Peerage and Baronetage of the British Empire
Men and Women of the Reign, and of the Time
Patents for Inventions—Abridgments of Specifications
Perry's Manufacturers and Merchants' Directory and Mercantile Guide
Sell's Dictionary of the World's Press and Advertisers' Reference Book
Spencer's Things New and Old; and Cawdray's Treasury of Similes
Stubbs's Directory of Great Britain and the Continent
The Book of Mormon, the Koran, and the Talmud.

The Shipping Gazette and Time Tables are placed in the Lobby.

Financial Statement for the Year ending March 24th, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand, March 25th, 1896	214	7	10
,, 1d. in the £ raised with the Borough Rate ...	1290	0	0
,, Rents	45	6	0
,, Sale of Borrowers' Cards	11	11	0
,, Sale of Catalogues	5	7	2
,, Books, Post Cards, Waste, &c.	7	7	0
,, School of Art moiety of cost of Water ...	3	14	3
,, Loan for Alterations	620	0	0
Total	£2197	13	3

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
By Salaries and Wages (including extra assistance)	593	4	7
,, Books	220	7	7
,, Newspapers and Periodicals	58	9	5
,, Bookbinding and Numbering	117	1	1
,, Printing and Stationery	28	11	11
,, Printing Catalogues	22	5	7
,, Insurance	9	7	9
,, Gas and Coals	17	3	9
,, Water	7	8	6
,, Repairs to Buildings	42	3	3
,, Alterations	56	18	6
,, Bookshelves, Fittings, and Furniture... ..	156	17	0
,, Cotgreave Library Indicator	134	0	6
,, Electric Light	99	11	4
,, Sundries	25	5	3
,, Balance in hand, March 24th, 1897	608	17	3
Total	£2197	13	3

Amount Received by the Librarian for Fines, £53 16s 4d.; Balance in hand per last Report, £14 0s. 4d.; Total, £67 16s. 8 l
Expended in the formation of a Collection of Local Books, &c., £65 12s. 11d.; Balance in hand, March 24th, 1897, £2 3s. 9d

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath, out of such part of my personal Estate as may by Law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Treasurer for the time being of the City of Norwich Corporation, the sum of

(free from Legacy Duty), for the benefit of the Norwich Free Library, to be expended in such way as the Committee for the time being may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the said Treasurer shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

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to the Treasurer for the time being of the City of Norwich Corporation, for the benefit of the Norwich Free Library, either for exhibition or such other purposes as the Committee for the time being deem expedient; and I direct any Legacy Duty which may be payable thereon to be paid by my Executors out of my personal Estate; and I further direct that the Receipt of the said Treasurer shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

Donations may be intimated to the Librarian, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

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OF THE

Free Library Committee

TO THE

TOWN COUNCIL.

1897-8.

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EDWARD BURGESS AND SONS, LIMITED, ST. STEPHEN'S STREET.

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CITY OF NORWICH.

THE REPORT

OF THE

FREE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,

From March 26th, 1897, to March 25th, 1898.

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W. H. HALL, READING-ROOM ATTENDANT. M. KELTY, SUNDAY ATTENDANT.

The Quarterly Meetings of the Committee will be held at the Library, at 4 p.m. on the following days:—

April 13th, July 13th, and October 12th, 1898; and January 11th, 1899.

The Sub-Committees meet when required, and are specially summoned.

EDWARD BURGESS AND SONS, LIMITED, PRINTERS, ST. STEPHEN'S STREET, NORWICH.

NORWICH FREE LIBRARY.

Area of the City—7558 Acres.
Estimated Population of the City, 1897—110,154.
Rateable Value of the City for the Poor Rate, 1897—£344,356.
Amount produced by the Rate of 1d. in the £, 1897—£1285.
Libraries Act Adopted—1850.
Library Opened—March, 1857.
Present Librarian Appointed—January, 1877.
Library Lighted by Electricity—February, 1889
Reading-Rooms Opened on Sundays—February, 1890.
Books Issued by Indicator System—September, 1897.
Room for Reference Department Opened—September, 1897.
Library Stock—December, 1877, 3500 Books.
,, ,, December, 1897, 30282 Books, 6817 Pamphlets.
,, ,, per cent. of Population—December, 1877, 4·35.
,, ,, ,, ,, December, 1897, 27·49.
Issues for Home Reading—December, 1877, 1100.
,, ,, December, 1897, 7905.
,, ,, Total since 1877, 1375552.

REPORT.

When the last Annual Report was submitted your Committee had decided to close the Lending Department on May 31st for the purpose of completely re-arranging the same, fixing the new counter for the Cotgreave Indicator, the necessary iron railing, and additional electric lamps, &c.

The Reference Department was also closed for the purpose of fitting up, under Messrs. Downing's contract, the new extension with shelving, &c.

Several years had passed since the interior of the building had been thoroughly cleaned and renovated, and your Committee felt this was the proper time to take that very necessary work in hand. The entrance lobby, staircase, and landings have been painted, and the ceilings whitewashed. The Lending Department and the Reading-Rooms have also been similarly restored, the floors repaired, and other improvements made.

The floor of the Lavatory was found to be in a very unsafe condition, necessitating the placing of iron girders to support a new concrete and tile-paved floor. The water supply and other pipes and fittings had also to be largely replaced with new at considerable cost.

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New iron gates have been put up at the rear of the building, and iron protection placed over the plinth of the restored stonework where it had previously been subject to ill usage. Two patent reflectors have been placed outside the north windows of the Lending Department with satisfactory results.

The furniture has been cleaned and repaired, and several new articles supplied for the Reference Department.

The contracts, which at the date of the last report had been entered into with Messrs. Dreyfus & Co. for restoring the stonework, and with Messrs. Downing & Son for scaffolding, painting the exterior woodwork, and new shelving, &c., have been, under the careful superintendence of the City Engineer, completed in a satisfactory manner.

Your Committee are much gratified at the successful restoration of the stonework by Tabary's Patent Metallic Stone Cement, and by the handsome appearance the building now presents in contrast with its previous dilapidated state.

The time required for the above works delayed the re-opening of the Library in all its departments until the 13th of September. Your Committee desire to thank the Board of Guardians for the use of a room in the Old Museum building, and entrance thereto during the eight weeks the Reading-Rooms were closed.

The total cost of the works above-mentioned, including the Indicator and the extension and shelving of the new Reference Department, have reached the sum of £1600, exclusive of the cost of the interior repairs and renovations, for which a further sum of £140 may be added; or £1740 in all, as per the following summary:—

1895-6.

	£	s.	d.
Plumb & Brown—Extension of Building, and Repairs	391	18	6
Chapman & Son—Book Shelves, &c.	238	12	0
Ashton & Green Iron Company—Stove	20	6	2
Lawrence & Scott—Electric Light Fittings	23	18	0
Carried forward	£674	14	8

1896-7.

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	674	14	8
Cotgreave Indicator	134	0	6
Chapman & Son—Counter for same	38	10	0

1897.

A. Dreyfus & Co.—Restoration of External Stonework	512	0	0
Downing & Sons—Scaffold for ditto and Painting Exterior Woodwork	87	0	0
Ditto Constructing and Fixing Shelves in in the new portion of Reference Department	87	15	0
Ditto Cleaning, Whitewashing, and Painting Lobby and Staircase, &c.	32	0	0
Ditto Cleaning and Colouring Reading-Rooms and Lending Department, Floor to Lavatory, &c....	46	1	6
Lawrence & Scott—Electric Service, Lending Department	19	5	0
J. & J. King—New Water Supply Pipes in Lavatories	31	6	4
Payne—Iron Railings, Lending Department	29	15	0
Parish—Iron Gate and Iron Protection to Plinth ...	26	10	0
Patent Reflectors	12	0	0
Robertson & Colman—New Furniture...	10	6	0
	£1741	4	0

It will be seen from the above that, in addition to the loan of £1300 obtained from the Local Government Board, about £440 has been paid from current receipts of previous years, when the expenditure on books was restricted for want of space.

During the past six months the issues by the Indicator have averaged 419 per day. This is not a large advance on previous years; but the books are now mainly chosen by the borrowers personally, who obtain with more certainty the works they require, make fewer changes, and have cordially aided the officials in the smooth working of the machine—700 is the highest number issued in one day under the present system; last year, under the old system, it was 578.

The Lending Department now contains 17679 volumes. £197 has been spent in the purchase of books, and £144 in binding and repairs. Sheets containing titles and numbers of books added are printed at short intervals, and placed convenient for the use of borrowers.

It will be found that the statistics of the Lending Department as to age, sex, occupation, and residence of borrowers are separately shown in this Report up to and after May 31st, in order to complete the same under the former plan of issuing and commence a new series of tables under the Indicator system.

The Reference Department is increasingly used under more comfortable conditions than formerly. New works are frequently added to the stock, which now contains, with the Local Collection, 12837 volumes. During the six months the department was open 4690 works were consulted.

The compilation of the Reference Catalogue has been interrupted by the works in progress, and much writing still remains to be done before it will be ready for the printer.

The Committee-Room has been used by a National Home Reading Union Circle—subject taken, Recent French Literature; leader, Mr. C. Gould. Literature in connection with the University Extension Lectures has been placed in this room.

The number of visitors to the Reading-Rooms on Sundays has been, according to a test made on December 5th last, estimated at 9880 per annum.

Discarded books and papers in large numbers have been sent to the City Asylum, Workhouse, Isolation Hospital, and Girls' Home.

The staff have cheerfully performed their duties, under the dirt and discomfort incident to the changes and repairs; and the public have been equally forbearing.

THOMAS S. BREESE,
CHAIRMAN.

On pages 9 to 22 are particulars of the borrowers, separately stated for the two systems of issuing (ages, sexes, and occupations, with the wards in which they resided), borrowers' cards and tickets,

issues of books for 1897-8 and from 1878, selections of books, &c., and the donors—but the following statistics show more readily the working of the Library in 1897-8 :—

LENDING DEPARTMENT—

Stock, 17679 volumes ; being in—

Art, Science, and Political Economy ...	1918	increase	22
Biography and Correspondence	1497	,,	30
Poetry and Drama	707	,,	5
Fiction	5905	,,	166
History and Travel	2248	,,	51
Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellaneous...	4385	,,	77
Law and Theology	680	,,	8
Natural History	339	,	2
Totals	17679	,,	361
,, last year	17318	,,	554

Days opened	183	last year	233
Borrowers' Cards issued to May 31st, former system (including duplicates), say ...	398	,,	2750
Actual number of borrowers (new 89), say	3140	,,	4000
Borrowers' Tickets issued, Indicator system (including duplicates)	3546	,,	0
Actual number of borrowers	3529	,,	0
Average issues to each borrower ...	22	,,	23

Issues, 73583 (75515 volumes) ; being in—

Art, Science, and Political Economy ...	2142	decrease	48
Biography and Correspondence	1056	increase	54
Poetry and Drama	519	decrease	69
Fiction	61445	,,	14110
History and Travel	2190	,,	692
Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellaneous...	5347	,,	1308
Law and Theology	464	,,	23
Natural History	420	,,	96
Totals	73583	,,	16292
,, last year	89875	,,	565
Average daily issues	402	last year	386

Issues in 1878, 26308—averaging 99 daily.

LENDING DEPARTMENT (*continued*)—

Fines for overdue books	£40/6/9	last year	£53/16/4
Catalogues	£13/14/7	,,	£5/7/2
Books replaced	285	last year	336
Books repaired at Library and by Binders ...	3810	,,	3783
Juvenile Department –			
Stock, volumes	3025	,,	3025
Books sent to 24 schools (5th circulation)	0	,,	2770
Months books issued	0	,,	4
Issues	0	,,	9950
Total Lending Stock, volumes	20704	,,	20343
,, Issues (Library and Schools) volumes ...	75515	,,	101745

PRESENT STOCK—

Books—			
Lending Department	17679	increase	361
Ditto (Juvenile)	3025	,,	0
Reference Department	9484	,,	598
Ditto (Local Collection)	3353	,,	135
Totals	33541	,,	1094
,, last year	32447	,,	1196
Pamphlets—			
Reference Department	2326	,,	72
Ditto (Local Collection)	4541	,,	87
Totals	6867	,,	159
,, last year	6708	,,	300

Stock in December, 1877, about 3500 books.

PERCENTAGES (excluding Juvenile Department)—

Lending Stock (17679 volumes)... ...	16·05	per cent. of Population.
Issues (73583)	66·80	,, ,,
Borrowers, indicator system (3529) ...	3·20	,, ,,
Total Stock (30516 volumes)	27·70	,, ,,

The Lending and Reference Departments are open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., except Sundays, Thursdays, Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Bank Holidays; and the Reading-Rooms for Men and Women (on the first floor) are open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., except Sundays (when it is from 3 to 9 p.m.), Christmas Day, and Good Friday.

List of Donors, 1897-8.

To one or other of the Departments Books, &c., have been presented by the Agents General of New South Wales and Queensland, Mr. F. R. Beecheno, Mr. W. Blower, Mr. H. Bower, Mr. T. S. Breese, Mr. E. Brinsmead, the British Association for the Advancement of Science, T. B. Browne, Ld., Mr. G. F. Buxton, Mons. A. W. Carlier, Mr. W. G. Clarke, Mr. L. Cobb, the Cobden Club, the Commissioner for Labour (Board of Trade), the Committees of the Libraries referred to on page 22, Lady Cook, the Co-operative Union, Ld., Messrs. D. Currie & Co., Mrs. A. Dunn, Mr. A. D. Euren, Mr. H. F. Euren, the Family of the late Mr. T. Coats, the Friends' Tract Association, Mr. A. C. Fryer, Mrs. Grimmer, Mr. J. H. Gurney, the General Editor of the University Correspondence College Press, Mr. F. W. Harmer, Mr. F. Henderson, Lieut.-Col. H. W. L. Hime, Mr. J. Hooper, Mr. G. Howard, Rev. Canon H. Howell, Messrs. Jarrold, Mr. G. B. Kennett, Mr. C. Mackie, Mr. J. Mason, Prof. J. E. B. Mayor, Mrs. W. Morris, Rev. R. C. Nightingale, the North British Association of Gas Managers, the Patent Office, the Registrar of Durham University, the Royal Colonial Institute, Mr. A. E. Rump, Mr. T. Saint, Mr. J. Simms, the Smithsonian Institution, Mr. H. Solly, Messrs. Sonnenschein & Co., Ld., Mr. T. Southwell, Mr. W. W. Stephens, Messrs. Sutton & Sons, Mr. S. Taylor, the Trustees of the British Museum as on page 21, Mr. J. J. C. Turner, Mr. J. T. Varden, Messrs. Williams & Norgate, and Miss Yarington; also the Magazines, Newspapers, Periodicals, &c., marked † on pages 23 to 25, by Sir H. Bullard, Mr. J. Allen, other Friends, and various Proprietors thereof.

Ages of Borrowers.

	New Borrowers, Mar. 26th to May 31st, 1897.	Borrowers since Dec. 1st, 1877.
Above 14 and under 20	47 ...	8884
„ 20 „ 25	13 ..	2537
„ 25 „ 30	6 ...	1736
„ 30 „ 35	4 ...	1223
„ 35 „ 40	4 ...	902
„ 40 „ 45	1 ...	635
„ 45 „ 50	2 ...	423
„ 50 „ 55	2 ...	353
„ 55 „ 60	0 ...	195
„ 60	1 ...	437
Not stated	9 ...	1250
Totals ...	89 ...	18575

Cards Issued, and Sexes of Borrowers.

Years.	Cards Issued	New Borrowers, Mar. 26th to May 31st, 1897.		Borrowers since Dec. 1st, 1877.
1877-8* ...	1545 ...	1545	(260 females, 1285 males) ...	1545
1879 ...	1782 ...	802	(201 „ 601 „) ...	2347
1880 ...	2000 ...	770	(202 „ 568 „) ...	3117
1881 ...	2000 ...	683	(193 , 490 „) ...	3800
1882 ...	2200 ...	780	(226 „ 554 „) ...	4580
1883 ...	2500 ...	934	(284 „ 650 „) ...	5514
1884 ...	2850 ..	952	(343 „ 609 „) ...	6466
1885 ...	3250 ...	1034	(414 „ 620 „) ...	7500
1886-7† ...	3739 ...	1319	(541 „ 778 „) ...	8819
1887-8 ...	3900 ...	1020	(425 „ 595 „) ...	9839
1888-9 ...	3820 ...	1020	(450 „ 570 „) ...	10859
1889-90 ...	4060 ...	1058	(510 „ 548 „) ...	11917
1890-91 ...	4100 ...	953	(431 „ 522 „) ...	12870
1891-2 ...	4100 ...	1063	(439 „ 624 „) ...	13933
1892-3 ...	4200 ...	1006	(464 „ 542 „) ...	14939
1893-4 ...	3700 ...	874	(421 „ 453 „) ...	15813
1894-5 ...	3400 ...	968	(495 „ 473 „) ...	16781
1895-6 ...	3100 ...	880	(441 „ 439 „) ...	17661
1896-7 ...	2750 ...	825	(423 „ 402 „) ...	18486
1897-8‡ ...	398 ...	89	(39 „ 50 „) ...	18575
Total	59394 ..	18575	(7202 „ 11373 „)	

* Thirteen Months † Fifteen Months. ‡ March (after 25th) to May 31st.

Occupations of New Borrowers.

Book Folders	2	Brought forward ...	35
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	3	Labourer and Packer ...	2
Carpenters	2	Machinist and Moulder ...	2
Clerks	11	Manageress and Matron ...	2
Cloth Dressers	2	Milliner and Tailoress ...	2
Coachman and Groom	2	Scholars	6
Domestic Servants	5	Teachers	4
Finishers	2	Trimmers	2
Fitters	4	Miscellaneous	15
Hair Dressers	2	Not stated	19
Carried forward ...	35	Total	89

Wards wherein Borrowers Resided.

		Population in 1891.	New Borrowers March 26th to May 31st, 1897.	Borrowers since Mar. 25th, 1894.
1.	Conisford ...	6091 ..	9 ...	203
2.	Ber Street ...	8426 ...	4 ...	159
3.	Mancroft ...	4573 ...	4 ...	155
4.	Westwick ...	6852 ...	7 ...	227
5.	Coslany ...	6691 ...	5 ...	149
6.	Fye Bridge ...	7775 ...	3 ...	122
7.	Thorpe ...	5420 ...	10 ...	194
8.	Lakenham ...	5450 ...	4 ...	118
9.	Town Close ...	5970 ...	2 ...	150
10.	Eaton ...	6971 ...	9 ...	304
11.	Nelson ...	6216 ...	5 ...	212
12.	Earlham ...	5712 ...	6 ...	234
13.	Heigham ...	5963 ...	6 ...	128
14.	Wensum ..	6224 ...	1 ...	131
15.	Catton ...	7016 ...	9 ...	154
16.	Mousehold ...	5620 ...	5 ...	122
	Totals	100970 ...	89 ...	2762

In previous Reports the above statistics were given for the *Eight Wards* into which the City was formerly divided, the total of 15813 Borrowers to March 25th, 1894, being apportioned as follows:—First Ward, 1169; Second, 1074; Third, 6132; Fourth, 387; Fifth, 1596; Sixth, 1715; Seventh, 2249; and Eighth, 1491—these with the 2762 tabulated above making a total of 18575 Borrowers since December 1st, 1877.

INDICATOR SYSTEM.

Ages of Borrowers.

	Borrowers since May 31st, 1897.
Above 14 and under 20	962
„ 20 „ 25	558
„ 25 „ 30	409
„ 30 „ 35	297
„ 35 „ 40	204
„ 40 „ 45	172
„ 45 „ 50	111
„ 50 „ 55	87
„ 55 „ 60	58
„ 60	151
Not stated	520
Total	3529

Tickets Issued, and Sexes of Borrowers.

	Borrowers since May 31st, 1897.
Tickets issued to Female Borrowers	1788
„ „ Male „	1741
Total borrowers ...	3529
Duplicate tickets	17
Total tickets issued ...	3546

Occupations of Borrowers.

Accountants	13
Actuary and Book-keeper ..	2
Agents	17
Apprentices	31
Architects	6
Artists	2
Assistants	101
Auctioneers	3
Bakers	5
Barmaids and Barman ...	3
Binders and Rulers ...	7
Blacksmiths	3
Booksellers and Stationer ...	4
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	58
Boot Tree and Last Makers...	2
Boxmakers	9
Bricklayers	8
Brushmakers	13
Builders	6
Butchers	12
Cabinet Makers	9
Café and Restaurant Keepers	2
Canvassers	2
Caretakers	5
Carmen	2
Carpenters and Joiners ...	42
Carrier and Hackney Master	2
Carvers	2
Cashiers	3
Chairmakers	4
Charwomen	2
Cheesemongers	2
Chemists and Druggists ...	11
Cigar Makers	5
Civil Engineers	2
Clergymen and Ministers ...	18
Clerks	334
Carried forward ...	752

Brought forward ..	752
Clickers	27
Coach Builders	2
Coachmen	2
Collectors	3
Confectioners	13
Cooks	4
Corn Chandler and Merchant	2
Curriers	3
Cutters	22
Cycle Maker and Polisher ...	2
Deaconess and Evangelists ...	5
Dealers	6
Decorators	7
Dentists	2
Designer and Engraver ...	2
Dispensers	4
Domestic Servants ...	33
Drapers	20
Draughtsmen	3
Dressmakers	108
Dyers	3
Electricians	8
Engine Cleaner and Drivers	5
Engineers	17
Errand Boys	22
Factory Hands	8
Farmers	2
Ferry Boy and Waterman ...	2
Finishers...	15
Fireman and Stokers ...	3
Fitters	38
Florists	2
Foremen and Forewomen ...	8
French Polishers	4
Fruiterers and Greengrocer...	4
Gardeners	7
Carried forward ...	1170

Brought forward ...	1170
Glover and Gloveress ...	2
Grocers	38
Grooms and Stableman ..	5
Hair-Cloth Dressers ...	2
Hairdressers	13
Harness Makers and Saddler	3
Hosiers	5
House Furnishers	3
Housekeepers	28
Housewives	93
Independent	19
Inland Revenue Officers ...	6
Ironmongers	10
Jeweller and Watchmakers...	7
Journalists and Reader ...	8
Labourers	21
Lamplighters	2
Laundresses	2
Librarians	2
Licensed Victualler ..	6
Lithographers	4
Lodging-house Keepers ...	5
Machinists	47
Managers and Manageress ..	13
Mantle Makers	2
Manufacturers	6
Master and Matrons ...	6
Mechanics	
Medical Officer and Surgeons	3
Merchants	8
Messengers and Newsboy ...	8
Milliners...	19
Mother's Helps	10
Music Sellers	2
Musicians	5
Mustard Millers	3
Nurses	11
Office and Warehouse Boys...	10
Carried forward ...	1613

Brought forward ...	1613
Organ Builders	6
Organist and Piano Tuner ...	2
Outfitters	4
Packers	17
Pages	4
Painters	13
Paymaster and Storekeeper ...	2
Photographers	8
Plumbers...	5
Police Officers	7
Porters	18
Postmen	6
Printers	61
Prison Warder and Signalman	2
Railway Guards	4
Relief Stampers	3
Reporters	4
Royal Engineers (Civil Staff)	2
Salesmen	3
Scalemakers	2
Scholars and Students ...	126
Seamstresses	7
Secretaries	2
Seedsmen	3
Shopkeepers	17
Shorthand Writer and Typist	2
Silk Mercer and Winders ...	5
Soldiers	2
Solicitors...	2
Stonemasons	2
Superintendents	6
Surveyors	8
Tailors and Tailoresses ...	76
Taxidermists	2
Teachers	235
Telegraphists	6
Tiemakers	2
Timekeepers	2
Carried forward ...	2291

Brought forward	... 2291	Brought forward	... 2364
Tinsmiths	... 7	Waterproof Garment Makers	2
Travellers	... 20	Weavers ...	8
Trimmers	... 2	Whitesmiths	2
Upholsterers & Upholsteresses	14	Miscellaneous	... 27
Waiters ...	3	Not stated	... 1126
Warehousemen	... 27		
Carried forward	... 2364	Total	... 3529

Wards wherein Borrowers Resided.

		Population in 1891.	Borrowers since May 31st, 1897.
1.	Conisford ...	6091	248
2.	Ber Street	8426	152
3.	Mancroft ...	4573	198
4.	Westwick...	6852	302
5.	Coslany ...	6691	153
6.	Fye Bridge	7775	133
7.	Thorpe ...	5420	207
8.	Lakenham	5450	152
9.	Town Close	5970	200
10.	Eaton ...	6971	455
11.	Nelson ...	6216	320
12.	Earlham ...	5712	345
13.	Heigham ...	5963	139
14.	Wensum ...	6224	139
15.	Catton ...	7016	214
16.	Mousehold	5620	172
	Totals ...	100970	3529

Classified Register of Issues of Books for 1897-8.

Months, 1897-8.	Days open.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corspondnce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellanus.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Monthly Issues.	Average Daily Issues.
March (aft. 25th)	5	57	30	17	1714	66	150	18	17	2069	414
April	19	206	108	48	6734	292	658	50	50	8146	429
May	22	160	122	51	6872	304	600	53	67	8229	374
June	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
July	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
August	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sept. (aft. 12th)	13	133	52	34	3411	112	247	25	17	4031	310
October	22	290	121	80	6868	222	523	54	28	8186	372
November... ...	22	306	120	64	7119	235	591	50	30	8515	387
December	20	231	108	52	6638	213	588	35	40	7905	395
January	22	293	153	56	7923	248	741	52	64	9530	433
February	20	252	127	58	7602	250	666	72	62	9089	454
March (to 25th	18	214	115	59	6564	248	583	55	45	7883	438
Totals	183	2142	1056	519	61445	2190	5347	464	420	73583	402
Percentages '97-8	...	2·91	1·43	0·70	83·50	2·99	7·27	0·63	0·57	...	...
Percentages '96-7	...	2·44	1·11	0·66	84 07	3·21	7·40	0·54	0·57	..	...

Classified Register of Issues of Books from 1878 to 1897-8.

Years.	Days open.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corspondnce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellanus.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Yearly Issues.	Average Daily Issues.
1878	267	978	1132	595	18485	1814	2779	270	255	26308	99
1879	291	843	964	353	21300	1828	3443	560	911	30202	104
1880	290	1141	1697	639	19733	3030	5119	339	336	32034	110
1881	231	907	1903	501	18881	2749	7323	295	277	32836	142
1882	196	921	1311	318	19318	2577	5736	211	500	30892	158
1883	244	1437	1148	566	32586	3033	9512	202	422	48906	200
1884	242	1547	1315	550	41233	3217	9396	192	356	57806	239
1885	238	1751	1742	552	47326	2891	10755	282	704	66003	277
*1886	239	1779	1734	510	55318	3433	11251	317	774	75116	314
1887	60	434	379	124	15042	687	3037	95	113	19911	332
1887–8	242	1713	1271	763	57440	2342	12728	293	700	77250	319
1888–9	233	2199	1170	809	60849	2465	12361	364	848	81065	348
1889–90	235	2639	1501	844	67297	3089	12199	455	828	88852	378
1890–91	235	2737	1570	887	69096	3223	12020	536	914	90983	387
1891–2	234	2772	1607	871	71593	4045	10480	473	942	92783	397
1892–3	233	2700	1543	791	71245	4430	9536	454	923	91622	392
1893–4	232	2304	1298	726	68678	3261	8918	465	705	86355	372
1894–5	235	2555	1099	640	75413	2676	9207	577	563	92730	395
1895–6	236	2354	1365	649	73650	3387	8041	468	526	90440	382
1896–7	233	2190	1002	588	75555	2882	6655	487	516	89875	386
1897–8	183	2142	1056	519	61445	2190	5347	464	420	73583	402
Totals	4829	38043	27807	12795	1041483	59249	175843	7799	12533	1375552	285
Perentg.	...	2·77	2·02	0·93	75·71	4·31	12·78	0·57	0·91	...	...

* In 1887 the Library year commenced March 26th instead of January 1st. For comparing yearly issues those for 1886 and the first three months of 1887 are given as above; and on page 18, for comparing monthly issues, those for March (after 25th), 1887 to 1897, are added to those for March (to 25th), 1888 to 1898 respectively.

Monthly Issues of Books from 1878 to 1897-8.

Years.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Yearly Totals.
1878	2092	2245	2576	2384	2455	2172	2374	2173	615	2438	2620	2166	26308
1879	2791	2649	3094	2688	2542	2162	2714	1109	2033	2862	2708	2850	30202
1880	2936	2840	2586	3105	3012	2864	2835	1217	1686	3113	3168	2672	32034
1881	2517	2842	3180	3162	2878	2736	2873	527	2442	3300	3319	3060	32836
1882	2818	3410	3709	3489	3568	3425	3596	1301	closed ten	wks extra	2180	3396	30892
1883	4197	3895	4703	4324	4332	4069	4034	1461	3973	4870	4720	4328	48906
1884	4040	5049	5640	5119	5399	4666	4806	1620	5148	5378	5558	5383	57806
1885	5607	5520	6190	5393	5775	5484	5515	1940	5710	6799	6200	5870	66003
*1886	6826	6683	7913	6696	6891	6226	6011	1880	5870	6919	6988	6213	75116
1887	7198	6652	6061	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19911
	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	
1887–8	6429	6565	6145	6256	2080	6400	7098	7259	6931	7325	7207	7555	77250
1888–9	7273	6903	6718	6682	...	6737	7374	7435	7461	7880	7746	8856	81065
1889–90	7895	7636	7061	7718	...	7506	8242	8729	7725	8990	8445	8905	88852
1890–91	8330	8168	7649	7994	..	8236	8349	8212	7839	9106	8252	8848	90983
1891–2	7535	8405	7751	7738	...	8341	8886	8619	8201	9702	9377	8228	92783
1892–3	8489	8001	7229	7836	...	8079	8838	8872	8345	9389	8633	7911	91622
1893–4	7845	6706	6657	7353	...	7572	8182	8027	7997	9383	8316	8317	86355
1894–5	8453	8060	8235	7636	...	7614	8307	8306	8109	9218	8687	10105	92730
1895–6	8494	8117	7526	7563	...	7234	7881	8648	7968	9007	8865	9137	90440
1896–7	8214	8494	7648	7541	...	7706	8174	8113	7527	8943	8297	9218	89875
1897–8	8146	8229	clo	sed eleven	weeks extr	a 4031	8186	8515	7905	9530	9089	9952	73583
Totals	123463	122136	106423	109075	15308	106931	125196	128196	121946	139495	134699	142684	1375552
Perentg.	8·98	8·88	7·74	7·93	1·11	7·78	9·10	9·31	8·87	10·14	9·79	10·37	...

* See note on page 17.

A Selection from the Additions to the Library during 1897-8.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Arnold (T. and M.) and Their Influence on English Education, by J. Fitch. Ashton's When William IV. was King. Barrett's Bible and Its Inspiration. Bellairs's Gossips with Girls and Maidens, Betrothed and Free. Boyd's Last Years of St. Andrew's, 1890-95. Brown's Christian Policy of Life. Burton (Isabel, Lady) Romance of, the Story of Her Life. Campbell's Etiquette of Good Society. Charles II., Secret History of the Court and Reign of. Corday (Charlotte), by Jeanette van Alstine. Couch's Adventures in Criticism. Cromwell, a study in Personal Religion, by R. F. Horton. De Manacéïne's Sleep, Its Physiology, Pathology, Hygiene. and Psychology. De Marbot's Memoirs, Translated by A. J. Butler. De Varigny's Experimental Evolution. Dowden's History of French Literature. Dunn's World's Highway. Earle's Pot-Pourri from a Surrey Garden. Edwards's Railway Nationalization. Farrar's Bible, Its Meaning and Supremacy. Fergusson's History of Eastern and Indian Architecture. Fitchett's Deeds that Won the Empire. Fitzgerald's Memoirs of an Author, and World Behind the Scenes. Foreign Statesmen: Joseph II., and Maria Theresa, by J. F. Bright. Freeman's Growth of the English Constitution. Fyffe's History of Modern Europe, 1792-1878. Gibbins's Industry in England. Handbooks of English Literature: Age of Dryden, of Milton, of Pope, of Tennyson, and of Wordsworth. Hazlitt's Fairy Tales, Legends, and Romances. Historic Towns: Boston, Bristol, Colchester, Exeter, London, New York, Oxford, Winchester, and York. Hulme's Flags of the World. Jaeger's Problems of Nature, Researches and Discoveries. Jebb, Strange Career, Life and Adventures of, by His Widow. Jerningham Letters, 1780-1843, Edited with Notes by E. Castle. Jerrold's Comedies and Dramas. Jowitt's Life and Letters. Kingsley's Travels in West Africa. Lebon's Modern France, 1789-1895. Magee's Life and Correspondence. Manning's Land of the Pharaohs, Egypt and Sinai. McCarthy's Story of Gladstone's Life. Mill's Early Essays. Milner's England in Egypt. Napoleon, by T. P. O'Connor. Non-Christian Religious Systems: Christianity and Buddhism; Coran, Its Composition and Teaching; Hinduism; and Islam and Its Founder. Parish's Hallucinations and Illusions. Ranjitsinhji's Jubilee Book of Cricket. Ribot's Psychology of the Emotions. Scripture's New Psychology. Shakespeare, Puritan and Recusant, by T. Carter. Sheridan, a Biography, by W. F. Rae. Shirley's Table Talk, by J. Skelton. Simms' Physiognomy Illustrated. Sinclair and Henry's Swimming. Southey's English Seaman. Taine's Journeys Through France. Taylor's System of Sight-Singing. Ward's Timber and some of Its Diseases. Watson's Hope of the World and other Poems.

The following series of works have been added to:—Contemporary Science, Diocesan Histories, Gentleman's Magazine Library, Nature, Popular County Histories, Social Questions of To-day, and Story of the Nations. New works of fiction by leading novelists and the principal Magazines to date have also been added.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Bampton Lectures: by R. E. Bartlett and F. Temple. Biographie Nouvelle des Contemporains, ou Dictionnaire Historique et Raisonné. Biographie Universelle, Ancienne et Moderne, ou Histoire, par Ordre Alphabétique, et Supplément. Boccaccio's Decameron. Bower's Painted Book and other Poems. Burns's Coinage of Scotland. Burton (R. F.), Memorial Edition of the Works of. Byron's Works. Carlyle's Works. Collectanea Chemica, Treaties on Alchemy and Hermetic Medicine. Cook's Essays on Social Topics. Cunningham's Quakers, an International History. Davies's Book of Public Arms. Dryden's Works, Dramatic, Poetical, and Prose. Dyer's Ghost World. Erman's Life in Ancient Egypt. Evelyn's Memoirs, Edited by W. Bray. Fergusson's History of Architecture in all Countries from the Earliest Times to the Present Day. Furneaux's Life in Ponds and Streams. Gittins's Chess Bouquet. Gilder's Schwatka's Search, Sledging in the Arctic for the Franklin Records. Halford's Dry Fly Entomology. Hamilton's English School, Productions in Painting and Sculpture. Hermetic Museum, Restored and Enlarged. Hibbert Lectures: by C. Beard, J. Drummond, E. Hatch, O. Pfleiderer, E. Renan, F. Le P. Renouf, and A. H. Sayce. Holt's Fancy Dresses Described. Kane's Arctic Explorations, 1853-5. Kelmscott Press: Godefrey of Boloyne and the Conquest of Jherusalem, Meinhold's Sidonia the Sorceress, and Morris's Well at the World's End. King and the Kingdom, a Study of the Four Gospels. Lambert's Two Thousand Years of Gild Life. Lavater's Physiognomy, Translated by G. Grenville. Library of Old Authors: Works of Carew, Drayton, Lobeira, Overbury, Sandys, Suckling, Webster, and others. Margaret, Queen of Navarre, Heptameron of the Tales of. Marx's Capital, a Critical Analysis of Capitalist Production. Maspero's Manual of Egyptian Archæology. Maxwell's Sixty Years a Queen. Murdock's From Edinburgh to the Antartic. Paracelsus's Hermetic and Alchemical Writings, Edited by A. E. Waite. Parliamentary Papers, Reports, and Returns. Pugin's Examples and Specimens of Gothic Architecture, and True Principles of Pointed or Christian Architecture. Rich's Illustrated Companion to the Latin Dictionary and Greek Lexicon. Romanes's Darwin and After Darwin. Royal Natural History, Edited by R. Lydekker. Shakespearian—Green's Shakespeare and the Emblem Writers; Ward's Shakespearian Guide to Stratford-on-Avon, &c.; Wordsworth's Shakespeare's Knowledge and Use of the Bible. Simpson's St. Paul's Cathedral and Old City Life. Thiers's History of the Consulate and the Empire of France under Napoleon. Thorpe's Dictionary of Applied Chemistry. Tithe Commutation Returns to 1830, and to July, 1847. Turgot's Life and Writings, Edited by W. W. Stephens. Wakeling's Oxford Church Movement. Ward's Catholic Revival, and the Oxford Movement. Wormell's Electricity in the Service of Man, Enlarged by R. M. Walmisley.

Works in parts or volumes as published have here, too, been added—such as Abridgments of Specifications for Patents, Badminton Library of Sports and Pastimes, Board of Trade and Trade Marks Journals, Dictionary of National Biography, Early English Text and Palæontographical Societies' Publications, Gentleman's Magazine Library, Historical Manuscripts Com-

mission's Reports, Indexes to Periodical Literature, and New English and other Dictionaries; also Proceedings and Reports of the British Association, Co-operative Congress, Egypt and Palestine Exploration Funds, Royal Colonial Institute, Royal Geographical Society, and Smithsonian Institution. The following are periodically bound:—Daylight, Eastern Daily Press, Norfolk Daily Standard, Times (daily edition, and Index thereto purchased as published), the leading Illustrated Magazines and Newspapers, and Literary, Professional, and Religious Journals.

The Trustees of the British Museum have kindly forwarded, Catalogues of Fossil Cephalopoda, part 3; Tertiary Mollusca, part 1, Australasia; Welwitsch's African Plants, part 1; and of the Printed Books, 14 parts; also Facsimiles from Early Printed Books, and of Royal and other Autographs, 3rd series; Guides to Fossil Invertebrates and Plants, Mammals and Birds, and Reptiles and Fishes; and Subject Index of Modern Works added in 1891-5.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Amyot's Verses and Ballads. Arch's Story of His Life, Edited by the Countess of Warwick. Beecheno's Notes on the Stranger's Hall, Norwich. Book of the Pilgrimage, New World Pilgrims at Old World Shrines. Bourn's Lectures to Children and Young People. Brereton's Lectures on the Christian Faith and Life. Brewer's Endowments and Establishment of the Church of England. Brown's Lectures to Children and Young People. Burney (Frances) Early Diary of, 1768-78, Edited by Annie R. Ellis; with Diary and Letters, 1778-1840, Edited by Charlotte Barrett. Bygone Norfolk, Edited by W. Andrews. Cawnpore Affair under Major-General Windham Fully Explained. Coke's (Sir E.) Life, with Memoirs of His Contemporaries, by C. W. Johnson. Colet's Preces Catechismvs et Hymni Graece et Latine. Cornish's Nights with an Old Gunner and other Studies of Wild Life. Davey's Sultan and His Subjects, and Victoria (Queen and Empress). Edwards's Hemiptera-Homoptera of the British Islands. Elwes and Edwards's Revision of the Oriental Hesperiidæ. Elwin's Shakespeare Restored: Macbeth. Felce's Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society, Historical Sketch, 1797-1897. Godwin on Population, Answer to Malthus. Henslowe's Christian Hebdomad, or Week of Human Life. Hooper's Norwich Charities. Hubert's England in the Days of Wiclif. Kingston's East Anglia and the Great Civil War. Lefroy's Norwich Cathedral. Leigh's Short Inquiry into Revealed Religion. L'Estrange's Some Important Duties and Doctrines of Religion. Mother Juliana's Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love (1670). Nelson's Life by A. T. Mahan. Passage by Water between Lynn and Yarmouth, (1656). Phillips's Cassock and Comedy, the Humorous Side of Clerical Life. Pratt's Gleanings in England. Quennell's Cathedral Church of Norwich. Rye's Songs, Stories, and Sayings of Norfolk. Sharpe's Life, Edited by T. Newcombe. Shorter's Charlotte Brontë and Her Circle Stoughton's Shades and Echoes of Old London. Tenison's Idolatry (1678). Thurgur's Diss Dialogist and Reciter. Walpole (H.) and W. Mason, Correspondence of, Edited with Notes by J. Mitford. Ward's Seasonable Advice (1701). Waterland's Critical History of the Athanasian Creed. Yarmouth Poll Books.

There have also been added as published, by presentation, or as special opportunities to purchase arose—Co-Operative Monthly Herald, East Anglian Notes and Queries, May Blossoms, Norfolk and Norwich Notes and Queries, Norvicensian, Norwich Diocesan Gazette, Our Journal (C.E.Y.M.S.), and Progress (Y.M.C.A); Statements of Accounts, &c., of the Corporation, County Council, Guardians, and School Board; and Engravings, Etchings, Maps, Old Newspapers, Pamphlets, Portraits, Views, &c., of a specially local nature.

REPORTS FROM OTHER LIBRARIES.

Annual Reports of similar Libraries have been received, the figures given denoting the number of the Report and apparent age of the Library:—Aberdeen 13, Ashton-under-Lyne 3, Barrow-in-Furness 14, Belfast 9, Birmingham 35, Blackburn, Blackpool 17, Bootle, Bradford 27, Buxton 8, Cambridge 42, Carlisle 3, Derby 26, Falmouth 3, Folkestone 15, Glasgow (Baillie's Institution), Hanley 10, Hove 5, Kingston-upon-Hull, Leamington Spa, Leeds 27, Leek (Nicholson Institute) 8, Leicester 26, Lincoln 3, Liverpool 44—London: Clerkenwell 10, Croydon 8, Ealing 14, Fulham 10, Hammersmith, Kilburn 4, Rotherhithe 6, Saint George, Hanover Square 3; St. Giles, St. Martin-in-the-Fields and St. Paul, Covent Garden; St. Mary, Battersea 10; St. Saviour's, Southwark 3; Shoreditch 6, Twickenham 15, West Ham, Westminster, Whitechapel, Willesden Green 4—Manchester 45, Newcastle-upon-Tyne 16, Plymouth 20, Portsmouth 13, Preston 18, Richmond 16, Salford 49, Sheffield 40, Smethwick, South Shields 24, Southampton 8, St. Helens 19, Walsall 38, Wigan 19, Wolverhampton 28, Yarmouth 11, York. Also recent Reports from the Los Angeles Public Library, the Oxford Bodleian Library, and the Stirling's and Glasgow Public Library.

*The following Magazines, Reviews, Newspapers, Directories, &c., are placed in the Reading-Rooms. Those marked * are placed in the Women's Reading-Room, and those marked † are presented.*

ANNUALLY.

†Australian Year-Books
Baptist Handbook
British Columbia Year-Book
Cambridge University Calendar
Church of England Year-Book
Congregational Year-Book
Crockford's Clerical Directory
†Durham University Calendar
Hazell's Annual
London University Calendar
Oxford University Calendar
Statesman's Year-Book
†University Corresp. Coll. Calendar

QUARTERLY.

Edinburgh Review
*Englishwoman s Review
Journal of Board of Agriculture
Navy List
Quarterly Review

MONTHLY.

*Argosy (1 in Men's)
Army List
Art Journal
*Atalanta
Atlantic Monthly
Belgravia
Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine
Board of Trade Journal
†Building Society's Gazette
†Canadian Patent Office Record
*Cassell's Family Mag. (1 in Men's)
*Century Illustrated
*Chambers's Journal (1 in Men's)
Chapman's Magazine
*†Child's Guardian
*Commonwealth
*†Concord (1 in Men's)
Contemporary Review
Cornhill Magazine
†Cottager and Artisan
†Educational Times
*English Illustrated Magazine
*†Financial Reformer (1 in Men's)
†Fire and Water
Fortnightly Review
*†Free Life (1 in Men's)
†Free Russia

MONTHLY (*continued*).

Gentleman's Magazine
*Girl's Own Paper
*†Glad Tidings (1 in Men's)
Good Words
*Goodwill
*Harper's Magazine
*Household Words
Idler
†Insurance and Banking Review
†Jewish Intelligence
†Journal of Professional Musicians
†Labour Gazette
Land and Labour
Leisure Hour
London Society
Longman's Magazine
Macmillan's Magazine
Magazine of Art
*†Musical Herald, Tonic Sol-Fa Rep.
*†Musical Times
National Review
†Nature Notes
†New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century
†Oddfellows' Magazine
*†Our Work at Home and Abroad
†Personal Rights Journal
†Plumber and Decorator
†Positivist
Quiver
Review of Reviews
Science Gossip
*Scribner's Magazine
Strand Magazine
*Sunday at Home
Temple Bar
†Tract Magazine
†University Correspondent
†Vegetarian Messenger
Westminster Review
Zoologist
†Zoophilist

TRI-WEEKLY.

Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart

BI-WEEKLY.

*†Norwich Mercury (1 in Men's), 1 given.

WEEKLY.

Army and Navy Gazette
Athenæum
Australasian
Boot and Shoe Trades Journal
†Boston Independent
Boy's Own Paper
Builder
Building News
†Canadian Gazette
Cassell's Saturday Journal
†Catholic Times
†Christian Life and Unitarian Her.
*†Christian World (2 in men's) 1 giv.
Church Times
†Church Weekly
†Civil Service Aspirant
*†Civil Service Competitor (1 Men's)
†Colliery Guardian
*†Co-operative News (1 in Men's)
†Councillor
*†Cromer and North Walsham Post
*†Daylight (2 in Men's), 1 given
Detroit Free Press
†Draper's Record
*†Eastern Weekly Press
Electrician
Engineer
Engineering
England
†English Churchman
English Mechanic
Era
*Family Herald and Supplement
Feathered World
Fiction and Facts
Field
*Fun
Gardeners' Magazine
†Gardening World
*Graphic (1 in Men's)
Guardian
*Illus. London News (1 in Men's)
Illus. Official Journal (Patents)
Invention
Investors' Review
*†Ipswich Journal
†Journal of Society of Arts
Judy
*Lady's Pictorial
Land and Water
†Literary World
†Local Government Journal
†Lowestoft Journal
†Lowestoft Standard
†Lynn News and County Press
Mechanical World
*†Midland Counties Herald

WEEKLY (*continued*).

Nature
Newcastle Chronicle
*†Norfolk Chron. (1 in Men's), 1 giv.
*†Norfolk News (1 in Men's), 1 giv.
*†Norfolk Weekly Standard and Argus (1 in Men's), 1 given
Notes and Queries
*†People's Weekly Journal
Phonetic Journal
†Present Truth
Public Opinion
*Punch (1 in Men's)
*Queen
Saturday Review
†School Board Chronicle
*School Guardian
Schoolmaster
*Schoolmistress
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List
†Shoe and Leather Record
*Spare Moments
Speaker
Spectator
†Sydney Mail
†Tablet
†Tailor and Cutter
*†Temperance Chronicle
*Tit Bits
Trade Marks Journal
Truth
Volunteer Service Gazette
†Weekly Register
Weekly Sun
Westminster Budget
*†Worcester Herald
Work
†Yarmouth Independent
*Young Ladies' Journal

DAILY.

Birmingham Post
Chronicle
East Anglian Times (in Lobby)
*†Eastern Daily Press (2 in Men's), 1 given
†Eastern Evening News (1 also in Lobby), 1 given
Echo (in Lobby)
Manchester Guardian
News
Norfolk Standard (in Lobby)
Pall Mall Gazette
*Standard (1 in Men's)
Star (in Lobby)
*Telegraph (1 in Men's)
†Times, 1 given
Westminster Gazette
Yorkshire Post

Railway Time Tables.

Bradshaw, and Continental in season
†Cook's Excursionist
†Great Eastern
†Great Eastern Continental
†Great Northern
†Great Western
†London and Northern Western
†London and South Western
†London, Brighton, and South Coast
†London, Chatham, and Dover
†Midland
†Midland and Gt. Northern Joint
†Norwich—Fletcher's and Jarrold's
†South Eastern

(*The Time Tables, except Bradshaw's and Cook's, in Lobby.*)

Kelly's Directories.

Beds, Hunts, and Northamptonshire
Berks, Bucks, and Oxon
Birmingham, Staffs, Warwickshire, and Worcestershire
Cambs, Norfolk, and Suffolk
Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Rutland, and Notts
Devonshire and Cornwall
Essex, Herts, and Middlesex
Hants, Wilts, and Dorsetshire
Kent, Surrey, and Sussex
Lancashire—Part 1, Lancashire, with Gore's Liverpool; Part 2, Slater's Manchester, Salford, and Suburban
Lincolnshire, with Hull and Neighbourhood
London
London Suburban
Somersetshire and Gloucestershire, with Bristol
Yorks (West Riding; and North and East Ridings, with York)

A B C Hotel Guide for Travellers; and Leigh's List of English Clubs
Acts of Parliament – Educational, Local, Social, &c.
Advertiser's A B C of Official Scales and Charges and Press Directory; and Practical Advertising
Almanacks—British, Financial Reform, Whitaker's, &c.
Amateur Work, Illustrated
Atlases –Johnston's Handy Royal, and the Times
Blackie's Imperial Gazetteer
Brewer's Historic Note-Book, Phrase and Fable, and Reader's Handbook
Business Directory of London and Provincial and Foreign Trade Guide
Chambers's (Ed. by E. Preston) and Dougal & Co.'s Indexes to Next of Kin
Civil Service Year-Book and Guides—A B C, Cassell's, and Johnson's
Commercial Directory of the United Kingdom and the Continent
Directories—Foresters', Medical, Rechabite, and Scholastic
Eastern Counties Business and International Mercantile Directories
Export Merchant Shippers and Manufacturers' Trade Directory
Haydn's Dictionary of Dates; and Southgate's Many Thoughts
Hone's Every-day Book, Table Book, and Year-Book
Kelly's Directory of Merchants, Manufacturers, and Shippers
Kelly's Handbook to the Titled, Landed, and Official Classes
Lloyd's Encyclopædic Dictionary
Lodge's Peerage and Baronetage of the British Empire
Patents for Inventions—Abridgments of Specifications
Perry's Manufacturers and Merchants' Directory and Mercantile Guide
Sell's Dictionary of the World's Press and Advertisers' Reference Book
South Africa—Guide, and Official Handbook
Spon's Workshop Receipts
Stubbs's Directory of Great Britain and the Continent
Ure's Dictionary of Arts, Manufactures, and Mines

Financial Statement for the Year ending March 24th, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand, March 25th, 1897	608	17	3
1d. in the £ raised with the Borough Rate ...	1235	0	0
Balance from Loans Account issued in Bonds ...	725	0	0
Rents	44	12	2
Sale of Borrowers' Tickets	16	9	11
Sale of Catalogues	13	14	7
Books, Post Cards, Waste, &c.	10	0	6
Total	£2703	14	5

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages (including extra assistance)...	518	2	1
Books	197	14	4
Newspapers and Periodicals	98	11	7
Bookbinding and Numbering	144	18	4
Printing and Stationery	15	5	3
Printing Catalogues...	3	3	0
Insurance	9	16	6
Gas and Coals	23	15	10
Water	3	4	8
Loans—Interest	8	19	10
Loans—Half-Year's Instalment	24	5	8
Lamps	1	2	0
Bookshelves, Fittings, and Furniture	153	9	6
Electric Light	99	8	1
Electric Light Fittings	21	5	9
Repairs and Renovations	893	4	7
Miscellaneous	5	17	1
Sundries	26	10	10
Balance in hand, March 24th, 1898	454	19	6
	£2703	14	5

Amount Received by the Librarian for Fines, £40 6s. 9d.; Balance in hand per last Report, £2 3s. 9d.; Total £42 10s. 6d. Expended in the formation of a Collection of Local Books, &c., £34 10s. 4d.; Balance in hand, March 24th, 1898, £8 0s. 2d.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath, out of such part of my personal Estate as may by Law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Treasurer for the time being of the City of Norwich Corporation, the sum of

(free from Legacy Duty), for the benefit of the Norwich Free Library, to be expended in such way as the Committee for the time being may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the said Treasurer shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

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*I bequeath**

**Books, Pictures, or other objects of Art or Interest.*

to the Treasurer for the time being of the City of Norwich Corporation, for the benefit of the Norwich Free Library, either for exhibition or such other purposes as the Committee for the time being deem expedient; and I direct any Legacy Duty which may be payable thereon to be paid by my Executors out of my personal Estate; and I further direct that the Receipt of the said Treasurer shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

Donations may be intimated to the Librarian, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

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TO THE

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1898-9.

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THE REPORT

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FREE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,

From March 26th, 1898, to March 31st, 1899.

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The Quarterly Meetings of the Committee will be held at the Library, at 4 p.m. on the following days:—

April 12th, July 12th, and October 11th, 1899; and January 10th, 1900.

The Sub-Committees meet when required, and are specially summoned.

EDWARD BURGESS AND SONS, LIMITED, PRINTERS, ST. STEPHEN'S STREET, NORWICH.

NORWICH FREE LIBRARY.

Area of the City—7558 Acres.
Estimated Population of the City, June, 1898—111,699.
Rateable Value of the City for the Poor Rate, 1898—£349,959.
Amount produced by the Rate of 1d. in the £, 1898—£1310.
Libraries Act Adopted—1850.
Library Opened—March, 1857.
Present Librarian Appointed—January, 1877.
Library Lighted by Electricity—February, 1889.
Reading-Rooms Opened on Sundays—February, 1890.
Books Issued by Indicator System—September, 1897.
Room for Reference Department Opened—September, 1897.
Library Stock—December, 1877, 3500 Books.
" " December, 1898, 31,457 Books, 7257 Pamphlets.
" " per cent. of Population—December, 1877, 4·35.
" " " " December, 1898, 28 16.
Issues for Home Reading—December, 1877, 1100.
" " December, 1898, 8646.
" " Total since 1877, 1,485,648.

REPORT.

In presenting the Annual Report on the working of the Free Library, your Committee may remind the Council this was the first complete year of issuing by the Indicator system. It is therefore worthy of note that it has been a year of quiet, successful work, giving satisfaction to the public, showing a gradual increase of readers, and an increase of 5,694 issues during the last half year, as compared with the corresponding six months of the previous year, during which period the Indicator was also in use.

The Borrowers now number 4,620, and the average issues to each was 24 works—the total number of volumes issued being 113,145. The largest issue in one day was 754, and the average daily issue 427 against 402 in the previous year, in which during the summer months, when usually fewer books are borrowed, none were issued.

The Lending Department was not closed in the month of August as usual, and was open 258 days against 183 in 1897-8, when extensive alterations and repairs were in progress.

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The general proportions of literature read by the citizens of Norwich will be appreciated by the following table of issues:—

Fiction	92,637
Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellaneous ..	7,725
Art, Science, and Political Economy ..	3,286
History and Travel	2,946
Biography and Correspondence	1,459
Poetry and the Drama	787
Law and Theology	666
Natural History	590

It will be seen that in Norwich (as elsewhere) Fiction forms a very large percentage of the issues, viz., 84—in the Reference Department, however, it is estimated 11,800 educational works have been consulted.

The stock of books in the Lending Department has been increased during the year by 619 volumes, and now numbers 18,298 volumes; 419 worn-out books have been replaced by new, and 4,790 have been repaired by binders or at the Library.

To the Reference Department, including the Local Collection, there have been added 607 volumes and 458 pamphlets. The stock now numbers 13,444 books and 7,325 pamphlets, the latter mainly local.

The total stock of books and pamphlets is 39,067 (not including the Juvenile Library). The latter will shortly be the subject of a conference between the Committee and gentlemen interested in the educational work of the city.

During the year a considerable amount of time has been spent in preparing the Reference Catalogue. In order to make this more readily available for reference by readers in that department, it has

been decided to print, in single-line author and subject entries, a limited number of copies of the various sections separately, which will then be available for use as soon as each can be prepared and printed in that form. This catalogue (which will not for the present include the local collection and pamphlets) will be completed as soon as possible, and will afford the reading public a more intimate knowledge of the large store of valuable works at their command, and also give opportunity for a far more extensive use than is at present made of this important department of the Library by those in search of the varied information it contains. As numerous works will be added within the next few years, the Committee consider it advisable to defer the printing of a more perfect and expensive catalogue.

The Committee-Room has been used for the study of literature by the classes attending the University Extension Lectures on Dante by the Rev. P. H. Wicksteed, M.A.; also by the Home Reading Union Circle—subject, Modern French Drama—led by Mr. C. Gould.

The number of visitors to the Reading-Room on Sundays has been, according to tests made on certain dates, estimated at 12,000.

A list of donors of books to the Library is appended to this Report, from which the following may be specially noted:—The Agent-General of New South Wales, J. H. Gurney, Esq., the Rev. Canon Hinds Howell, the Patent Office, the Smithsonian Institution, the Trustees of the British Museum, and the Trustees of the Otis Library, Norwich (Conn).

THOMAS S. BREESE,

CHAIRMAN.

On pages 9 to 11 are particulars of the borrowers (occupations, ages, and sexes, with the wards in which they resided), borrowers' tickets, issues of books for 1898-9, and from 1878, selections of books, &c., and the donors—but the following statistics show more readily the working of the Library in 1898-9:—

LENDING DEPARTMENT—

Stock, 18298 volumes; being in—

Art, Science, and Political Economy ...	1969	increase	51
Biography and Correspondence	1570	„	73
Poetry and Drama	714	„	7
Fiction	6190	„	285
History and Travel	2336	„	88
Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellaneous	4479	„	94
Law and Theology	690	„	10
Natural History	350	„	11
Totals	18298	„	619
„ last year	17679	„	361

Days opened	253	last year	183
Borrowers' Tickets issued (including duplicates)	1609	„	3546
Actual number of borrowers	4620	„	3529
Average issues to each borrower ...	24	„	22

Issues, 110096 (113145 volumes); being in—

Art, Science, and Political Economy ...	3286	increase	1144
Biography and Correspondence	1459	„	403
Poetry and Drama	787	„	268
Fiction	92637	„	31192
History and Travel	2946	„	756
Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellaneous	7725	„	2378
Law and Theology	666	„	202
Natural History	590	„	170
Totals	110096	„	36513
„ last year	73583	decrease	16292
Average daily issues	427	last year	402

Issues in 1878, 26308—averaging 99 daily.

Fines for overdue books	£69/9/4	last year	£40/6/9
Catalogues	£7/10/11	„	£13/14/7
Books replaced	419	last year	285
Books repaired at Library and by Binders ...	4790	„	3810

PRESENT STOCK—

Books—

Lending Department	18298	increase	619
Reference Department	9849	,,	365
Ditto (Local Collection)	3595	,,	242
Totals	31742	,,	1226
,, last year	30516	,,	1094

Pamphlets—

Reference Department	2467	,,	141
Ditto (Local Collection)	4858	,,	317
Totals	7325	,,	458
,, last year	6867	,,	159

Stock in December, 1877, about 3500 books.

PERCENTAGES—

Lending Stock (18298 volumes)... ...	16·38	per cent. of Population.
Issues (110096)	98·56	,, ,,
Borrowers (4620)	4·14	,, ,,
Total Stock (31742 volumes)	28 42	,, ,,

The Lending and Reference Departments are open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., except Sundays, Thursdays, Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Bank Holidays; and the Reading-Rooms for Men and Women (on the first floor) are open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., except Sundays (when it is from 3 to 9 p.m.), Christmas Day, and Good Friday.

List of Donors, 1898-9.

To one or other of the Departments, Books. etc., have been presented by the Agent-General of New South Wales, Lord Amherst, Sir F. Bateman, Mr. W. Bradbrook, Mr. T. S. Breese, the British Association for the Advancement of Science, T. B. Browne, Ld., Mr. G. F. Buxton, Messrs. Chambers Brothers & Co., —— per Messrs. Chatto & Windus, Misses Clarke, Mr. W. G. Clarke, Mr. C. C. Coe, the Commissioner for Labour (Board of Trade), the Committees of the Libraries referred to on page 19, the Co-operative Union, Ld., Mr. Eaton, Mr. H. F. Euren, Mr. F. O. Fisher, the General Editor of the University Correspondence College Press, Mr. H. Goose, Mr. J. H. Gurney, Mr. F. W. Harmer, Mr. S. Hoare, Mr. J. Hooper, Rev. Canon H. Howell, Mr. G. B. Kennett, Miss L. R. Knights, Mr. A. Moore, the Patent Office, Mr. H. C. Pattin, —— per Messrs. K. Paul & Co., Sir I. Pitman & Sons, Ld., the Registrar of Durham University, Messrs. Roberts & Co., the Royal Colonial Institute, Mr. A. E. Rump, Mr. F. G. Shields, the Smithsonian Institution, Mrs. L. E. Stuart, the Swedenborg Society, the Trustees of the British Museum as on page 17, the Trustees of the Otis Library, Norwich (Conn.), Mr. J. T. Varden, Mr. White, Miss Williams, Mr. C. Williams, and Mr. A. Winter; also the Magazines. Newspapers, Periodicals, etc., marked † on pages 20 to 22, by Sir H. Bullard, Mr. J. Allen, other Friends, and various Proprietors thereof.

Occupations of Borrowers.

Accountants and Cashier ...	10
Agents	11
Apprentices	13
Architects and Surveyor ...	3
Assistants	48
Bagmakers	5
Bakers	2
Barmaids	2
Binders	2
Blacksmiths and Wheelwright	4
Boiler Makers	2
Book Folders and Sewer ...	5
Booksellers and Stationer ..	3
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	33
Bricklayer and Plasterer ...	2
Brushmakers	6
Buyer and Salesmen ...	5
Cabinet Makers	2
Caretaker and Watchman ...	2
Carman and Carter ...	2
Carpenters and Joiners ...	12
Chemists and Dispenser ...	6
Chorister and Musician ..	2
Clergymen and Ministers ...	16
Clerks	131
Clickers and Currier ...	16
Coachman and Grooms ...	3
Cooks	3
Cutters	5
Cycle Engineer and Maker...	2
Decorators	6
Domestic Servants ...	14
Drapers	13
Draughtsmen	3
Dressmakers	26
Electricians	5
Engine Cleaner and Drivers...	3
Carried forward ..	428

Brought forward ...	428
Engineers	14
Engraver and Lithographers	3
Errand, House, and Office Boys	14
Factory Hands	3
Finishers	2
Fitters	14
Florists	2
Foreman and Forewomen ...	4
Fruiterers	2
Gardeners	4
Grocers	14
Hairdressers	4
Hosiers	2
Housekeepers	14
Housewives	43
Independent	8
Inland Revenue Officers ...	3
Inspectors	2
Ironmongers	3
Labourers	4
Laster and Heeler.. ...	2
Laundresses	2
Licensed Victuallers ...	2
Lodging-house Keepers ...	3
Machinists	13
Managers and Manageresses	6
Manufacturers	7
Matrons	3
Merchants	2
Messengers and News Boy ...	11
Millers	4
Milliners...	9
Mother's Helps	2
Nurses	5
Organ Builders	3
Outfitters	3
Carried forward ...	664

Brought forward	...	664	
Packers	...	13	
Painters and Plumber	...	4	
Political Agents ...	...	2	
Porters	...	5	
Pressers	...	2	
Printers	...	20	
Saddler and Tanner	...	2	
Scholars and Students	...	72	
Soldiers	...	3	
Solicitors ...	...	2	
Stockkeeper and Timekeeper		2	
Stonemasons ...	...	2	
Superintendents ...	...	2	
Carried forward	...	795	

Brought forward	...	795
Surgeons... ...	...	3
Tailors and Tailoresses	...	27
Teachers... ...	...	105
Telegraphists and Typist	...	4
Tinsmiths ...	...	2
Tobacconists ...	...	4
Travellers ...	...	8
Trimmers ...	...	2
Upholsterers ...	...	2
Warehousemen ...	...	11
Weavers	...	6
Miscellaneous ...	...	59
Not stated ...	...	332
Total ...	...	1360

Ages of Borrowers.

	Borrowers from Dec. 1, 1877, to May 31, 1897.	New Borrowers in 1898-9.	Borrowers since May 31, 1897.
Above 14 and under 20	8884	557	1519
„ 20 „ 25	2537	183	741
„ 25 „ 30	1736	139	548
„ 30 „ 35	1223	111	408
„ 35 „ 40	902	70	274
„ 40 „ 45	635	67	239
„ 45 „ 50	423	37	148
„ 50 „ 55	353	31	118
„ 55 „ 60	195	18	76
„ 60	437	38	189
Not stated	1250	109	629
Totals	18575	1360	4889

Tickets Issued, and Sexes of Borrowers.

Years.	Tickets Issued.	New Borrowers.			Borrowers since May 31, 1897.
1897-8	3546	3529	(1788 females,	1741 males)	3529
1898-9	1609	1360	(645 „	715 „)	4889
Totals	5155	4889	(2433 „	2466 „)	

The Borrowers to May 31, 1897, from December 1, 1877, numbered 18575—7202 females and 11373 males—to whom had been issued 59394 cards.

Wards wherein Borrowers Resided.

		Population in 1891	New Borrowers in 1898-9.	Borrowers since May 31, 1897.
1.	Coniseford	6091	93	341
2.	Ber Street	8426	48	200
3.	Mancroft	4573	63	261
4.	Westwick	6852	120	422
5.	Coslany	6691	60	213
6.	Fye Bridge	7775	77	210
7.	Thorpe	5420	68	275
8.	Lakenham	5450	53	205
9.	Town Close	5970	76	276
10.	Eaton	6971	194	649
11.	Nelson	6216	134	454
12.	Earlham	5712	97	442
13.	Heigham	5963	57	196
14.	Wensum	6224	53	192
15.	Catton	7016	72	286
16.	Mousehold	5620	95	267
	Totals	100970	1360	4889

In previous Reports the above statistics were given for the *Eight Wards* into which the City was formerly divided, the total of 15813 Borrowers to March 25, 1894, being apportioned as follows:—First Ward, 1169; Second, 1074; Third, 6132; Fourth, 387; Fifth, 1596; Sixth, 1715; Seventh, 2249; and Eighth, 1491—these, with the 2762 persons tabulated in the last Report as to residence in the above *Sixteen Wards*, making a total of 18575 Borrowers from December 1, 1877, to May 31, 1897.

Classified Register of Issues of Books for 1898-9.

Months, 1898-9.	Days open.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corspondnce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellanus.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Monthly Issues.	Average Daily Issues.
March (aft. 25)	4	43	22	12	1586	43	119	13	21	1859	465
April	20	235	116	63	7987	225	670	58	58	9412	471
May	21	216	133	61	7416	219	580	49	60	8734	416
June	21	219	114	63	7005	208	541	41	40	8231	392
July	22	211	114	58	7166	210	572	42	46	8419	383
August	22	190	93	45	6856	205	558	46	40	8033	365
September... ...	21	203	104	79	7371	197	558	51	43	8606	410
October	22	295	129	89	7840	255	665	65	42	9380	426
November... ...	22	360	114	64	7376	266	627	81	41	8929	406
December	20	280	104	50	7267	231	633	50	31	8646	432
January	22	325	132	71	8361	298	727	45	49	10008	455
February	20	372	136	63	7926	298	687	60	65	9607	480
March	21	337	148	69	8480	291	788	65	54	10232	487
Totals	258	3286	1459	787	92637	2946	7725	666	590	110096	427
Percentages '98-9	...	2·98	1·33	0·71	84·14	2·68	7·02	0·60	0·54	...	...
Percentages '97-8	...	2·91	1·43	0·70	83·50	2·99	7·27	0·63	0·57	..	...

Classified Register of Issues of Books from 1878 to 1898-9.

Years.	Days open.	Art, Science, and Political Economy.	Biography and Corspondnce.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History and Travel.	Magazines, Reviews, and Miscellanus.	Law and Theology.	Natural History.	Total Issues.	Average Daily Issues.
1878 to 1882 ..	1275	4790	7007	2406	97717	11998	24400	1675	2279	152272	119
1883 to *1887–8 ..	1265	8661	7589	3065	248945	15603	56679	1381	3069	344992	273
1888–9 to 1892–3..	1170	13047	7391	4202	340080	17252	56596	2282	4455	445305	381
1893–4	232	2304	1298	726	68678	3261	8918	465	705	86355	372
1894–5	235	2555	1099	640	75413	2676	9207	577	563	92730	395
1895–6	236	2354	1365	649	73650	3387	8041	468	526	90440	382
1896–7	233	2190	1002	588	75555	2882	6655	487	516	89875	386
1897–8 (to May 31)	46	423	260	116	15320	662	1408	121	134	18444	401
To May 31, 1897	4692	36324	27011	12392	995358	57721	171904	7456	12247	1320413	281
1897–8 (fr. Sept. 13)	137	1719	796	403	46125	1528	3939	343	286	55139	402
1898–9	258	3286	1459	787	92637	2946	7725	666	590	110096	427
Totals	5087	41329	29266	13582	1134120	62195	183568	8465	13123	1485648	292
Percentages ...	...	2·78	1·97	0·91	76 34	4 19	12·36	0·57	0·88	...	...

* In 1887 the Library year commenced March 26 instead of January 1; and in 1899 it closed March 31 instead of March 25. Books were first issued under the Indicator system on September 13, 1897. See note on page 14.

Monthly Issues of Books from 1878 to 1898-9.

Years.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals.
1878 to *1882 ..	13154	13986	15145	14828	14455	13359	14392	6327	6774	11713	13995	14144	152272
1883 to 1887–8 ..	35193	35006	38062	27961	28962	26590	26622	8981	27101	31064	30725	28725	344992
	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	
1888–9 to 1892–3 ..	39522	39113	36408	37968	...	38899	41689	41867	39571	45067	42453	42748	445305
1893–4	7845	6706	6657	7353	...	7572	8182	8027	7997	9383	8316	8317	86355
1894–5	8453	8060	8235	7636	...	7614	8307	8306	8109	9218	8687	10105	92730
1895–6	8494	8117	7526	7563	...	7234	7881	8648	7968	9007	8865	9137	90440
1896–7	8214	8494	7648	7541	...	7706	8174	8113	7527	8943	8297	9218	89875
1897–8 (to May 31)	10215	8229	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18444
To May 31, 1897..	125532	122136	106423	109075	15308	102900	117010	119681	114041	129965	125610	132732	1320413
1897–8 (fr. Sept. 13)	...	...	...	...	...	4031	8186	8515	7905	9530	9089	7883	55139
1898–9	9412	8734	8231	8419	8033	8606	9380	8929	8646	10008	9607	12091	110096
Totals	134944	130870	114654	117494	23341	115537	134576	137125	130592	149503	144306	152706	1485648
Percentages	9·08	8·81	7·72	7·91	1·57	7·78	9·06	9·23	8·79	10·06	9·71	10·28	...

* In 1882 the Library was closed ten, and in 1897 eleven, weeks extra. See note on page 13.

A Selection from the Additions to the Library during 1898-9.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Arch's Story of His Life. Argyll's Philosophy of Belief. Australian Ballads and Rhymes, Edited by D. B. Sladen. Barnet Book of Photography. Barton's Our Friend the Horse. Bayne's Lessons from My Masters. Beale's Amateur's Guide to Architecture. Bishop's Korea and Her Neighbours. Bismarck: Some Secret Pages of His History, by M. Busch. Boutell's Arms and Armour. Brabrook's Provident Societies and Industrial Welfare. Bryce's Impressions of South Africa. Buccaneers and Marooners of America. Burton's Wanderings in West Africa. Cameron's Our Future Highway to India. Clarke's Stories of Australia in Early Days. Collings's Circular Work in Carpentry and Joinery. Cooper's Free Church of Ancient Christendom. Creighton's History of the Papacy. Cromer (Lord), Biography, by H. D. Traill. Curson's Problems of the Far East. Dale's (R. W.) Life, by His Son. Davey's Cuba Past and Present. Douglas's China. Drummond's (H.) Life, by G. A. Smith. Drummond's Ideal Life and other Unpublished Addresses. Dunton's Coming of Love and other Poems. Escott's Social Transformations of the Victorian Age. European Military Adventurers of Hindustan, 1784—1803. Fouche's Memoirs. Frazer's Round the World on a Wheel. Galton's Hereditary Genius. Gillespie's Natural History of Digestion. Gillmore's Leaves from a Sportsman's Diary. Gladstone's (Catherine) Life, Good Works, and Political Efforts. Gladstone's Gleanings of Past Years. Great Writers Series; with Bibliographies. Hall's (N.) Autobiography. Huxley's Collected Essays. Kemp's Practical Plasterer. Lethaby's Leadwork. Literature:—History of Ancient Greek, by G. Murray; Italian, by R. Garnett; Japanese, by W. G. Aston; Modern English, by E. Gosse; Spanish, by J. F. Kelly. Lorier's Economic Foundations of Society. Maxwell's Elementary Treatise on Electricity. Musical Works by Audran, Beethoven, Gilbert and Sullivan, Schubert, Stephenson, Wagner, Wallace, etc. Nansen's Farthest North. Nicol's Political Life of Our Time. Oliphant's Makers of Venice, and Makers of Modern Rome. Parker's Christian Profiles in a Pagan Mirror. Pitman's Reminisensez ov Hiz Erli Leif. Roberts's Forty-one Years in India. Robertson's Saxon and the Celt, Study in Sociology. Rodbertus's Overproduction and Crises. Saintsbury's History of Elizabethan Literature. Sinclair's Leaders of Thought in the English Church. Smith's (W. H.) Life and Times. Smyth's New Measures of the Great Pyramid. Steevens's With Kitchener to Khartum. Stewart's

Our Red Coats and Blue Jackets. Stubbs's Charles Kingsley and the Christian Social Movement. Taylor's Notes on Collecting and Preserving Natural History Objects. Tennyson (Lord), Memoir of, by His Son. Thomson's Chitral Campaign. Trench's Notes on the Miracles, and on the Parables of Our Lord. Walker's Manual of Needlework. Walsh's Secret History of the Oxford Movement. Webb's Problems of Modern Industry. Wilson's Studies in Life and Sense. Wingate's Ten Years' Captivity in the Mahdi's Camp. Wiseman's (Cardinal) Life and Times, by W. Ward. Women Adventurers. Younghusband's South Africa of To-Day.

The following series of works have been added to:—Contemporary Science, Social Science, Story of the Nations, and Weale's Rudimentary. New works of Fiction by leading novelists and the principal Magazines to date have also been added.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Academy Notes, 1875—98. Allibone's Prose Quotations, from Socrates to Macaulay. Ashton's Chap-Books of the 18th century, and Modern Street Ballads. Balfour's Historical Works. Battles of the 19th Century. Bettany's Eminent Doctors. Bewick's (T.) Life and Times. Bonner's Law of Motor-Cars, etc. Book of Canaries and Cage Birds. Bourne's English Newspapers. Bradshaw's Concordance to Milton's Poetical Works. Bryce's American Commonwealth, and Holy Roman Empire. Buck's Anecdotes, Religious, Moral, and Entertaining. Bull's Cruise of the Antarctic. Burdett's Hospitals and Charities. Cambridge Natural History, Edited by S. F. Harmer and A. E. Shipley. Clodd's Jesus of Nazareth. Coe's Nature *v.* Natural Selection. Coghlan's New South Wales Statistical Register. Cole's Fifty Years of Public Work. Copeman's Vaccination, Its Natural History and Pathology. Day's Nature in Ornament. De Pressense's Jesus Christ, Early Years of Christianity, etc. Dictionnaire Universel, Historique, Critique, et Bibliographique. Fisheries Exhibition Literature. Flint's Historical Philosophy in France. Fortunes Made in Business. Hardy and Bacon's Stamp Collector. Harleian Miscellany. Haydn's Book of Dignities. Hibbert Lectures, by G. D'Alviella, C. G. Montefiore, A. Reville, J. Rhys, and C. B. Upton. Howard's Etiquette. Jones's Grammar of Ornament. Kearton's Wild Life at Home. Kent's Manual of the Infusoria. Laing's Modern Science and Modern Thought. Macgillivray's History of British Birds. Massey's Book of the Beginnings. Medical Register. Morris's Art, Writings, and Public Life. Moulton and Geden's Concordance to the Greek

Testament. Muntz's Short History of Tapestry. Omar Khayyám's Rubâiyát, by E. Fitzgerald. Papworth and Morant's Dictionary of Coats of Arms. Parker and Haswell's Text-Book of Zoology. Parliamentary Papers, Reports, and Returns. Peele's Works. Perkins's Old Houses of Norwich (Conn.), 1660—1800. Seaside Watering Places. Shakespearian:—Brandes's Shakespeare, a Critical Study; Ellis's Shakespeare and the Bible: Christ in Shakespeare; French's Shakespeareana Genealogica; Lee's Life of Shakespeare; Robertson's Montaigne and Shakespeare; Shakespeare's Dramatic Works, from the Text of Johnson, Steevens, and Reed; Shakespeare's Works, Edited by C. Knight; Vaughan's New Readings and Renderings of Shakespeare's Tragedies. Skinner's Directory of Directors. Slater's Book Plates and Their Value. South's Craft of Surgery in England. Spence's Church of England, History for the People. Spon's Architects' and Builders' Price Book. Spurgeon's Autobiography. Stein's Life and Times, 1757—1807. Swedenborg's Life and Character. Taylor's Public Man: His Duties, Powers, and Privileges. Thomson's Voyage of the Challenger: The Atlantic. Vaughan's Hours with the Mystics. Wagner's More about Names. Wallace's Wonderful Century. Windham's Crimean Diary and Letters.

Works in parts or volumes as published have here, too, been added—such as Abridgements of Specifications for Patents, Badminton Library of Sports and Pastimes, Board of Trade and Trade Marks Journals, Book-Lover's Library, Dictionary of National Biography, Early English Text and Palæontographical Societies' Publications, Historical Manuscripts Commission's Reports, Indexes to Periodical Literature, and New English and other Dictionaries; also Proceedings and Reports of the British Association, Co-operative Congress, Egypt and Palestine Exploration Funds, Royal Colonial Institute, Royal Geographical Society, and Smithsonian Institution. The following are periodically bound:—Daylight, Eastern Daily Press, Norfolk Daily Standard, Times (daily edition, and Index thereto purchased as published), the leading Illustrated Magazines and Newspapers, and Literary, Professional, and Religious Journals.

The Trustees of the British Museum have kindly forwarded Catalogues of Drawings by British Artists and Artists of Foreign Origin Working in Great Britain; Japanese Printed Books and MSS.; Madreporarian Corals, vol. 3; Printed Books, parts, Germany, etc.; and of Seals, vol. 5.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Allen's Glory of Christ (1683). Armes's Fragments of Poetry. Baldwin's Indian Gup, Untold Stories of the Indian Mutiny. Barker's Life of Nelson. Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1820-88 (Newspaper Cuttings). Brereton's Catechism of the Seven Sacraments. Brewer's History of France to 1863. Bridge's Sermon to Volunteers of Norwich and Yarmouth (1642). Brinsley s Emblems and Tears (1656). Bryant's Norfolk Churches. Buck (Z.), Centenary Memoir, by F. C. Kitton. Callis (J. S.), In Uganda for Christ, Life Story of. Collings's Responsoria Bipartita, and Indoctus Doctor Edoctus (1654). Cross's Sketches of the Medical Schools of Paris. Dew's Dyshe of Norfolke Dumplings. Downman's Ancient Church Bells in England. Dutt's By Sea Margé, Marsh, and Mere. Emerson's Marsh Leaves from Norfolk Broad-Land. Erasmus's Pilgrimages to St. Mary of Walsingham, etc. Fisher's Memoirs of the Camacs of Co. Down, etc. Godwin's History of the Commonwealth of England. Goulburn's Lord's Prayer; also Memoir of Dean Goulburn, by B. Compton. Govett's Saints' Rapture, and Sermon on the Mount Expounded. Goyder's Miscellaneous Sermons. Grove's Alienated Tithes. Hopkins's Discovery of Witches. Horne's Essays and Thoughts. Hudson and Tingey's Revised Catalogue of the Norwich Records in the Castle Museum. Jenkinson's Fiona M'Iver. Jones's Some Norfolk Worthies. Keppel's Sailor s Life under Four Sovereigns. Lefroy's Immortality of Memory and other Sermons. Lind-Goldschmidt's (Madame Jenny) Memoir, 1820—51, by H. S. Holland and W. S. Rockstro. Lytton's Confessions of a Water Patient. Manby's Voyage to Greenland in 1821. Mann's Philosophy of Reproduction. Memorials of the Dead in Norwich. Morris's Great Campaigns of Nelson. Norgate's England under the Angevin Kings. Norwich Theatrical Observer (1827). O'Malley's Plundered Church. Orford's Voyage Round the Fens in 1774. Palgrave (F. T.), His Journals and Memories of His Life, by Gwenllian F. Palgrave. Parker's Life and Acts (1611). Rye's Church and Parish of Cawston. Spelman's Glossarium Archaiologicum. Stoughton's Church and State, 200 Years Ago. Suffling's Decameron of a Hypnotist. Tanneri (T.), Codices: Catalogus Codicum MSS. Bibliothecæ Bodleianæ. Taylor's Common British Fossils. Tillinghast's Generation Work (1653). Wood and Harmer's Outline of the Geology of the Upper Tertiaries of East Anglia.

There have also been added as published, by presentation, or as special opportunities to purchase arose—Co-operative Monthly Herald, East Anglian Notes and Queries, Fenland Notes and Queries, May Blossoms Norfolk and Norwich Notes and Queries, Norvicensian, Norwich Diocesan

Gazette, Poll Books, and Progress (Y.M.C.A.); Statements of Accounts, etc., of the Corporation, County Council, Guardians, and School Board; and Engravings, Etchings, Maps, Old Newspapers, Pamphlets, Portraits, Views, etc., of a specially local nature.

REPORTS FROM OTHER LIBRARIES.

Annual Reports of similar Libraries have been received, the figures denoting the number of the Report and apparent age of the Library:—Aberdeen 14, Ashton-under-Lyne 4, Belfast 10, Birmingham 36, Blackburn, Blackpool 18, Bolton 45, Bootle, Bradford 28, Cambridge 43, Carlisle 4, Cheltenham 13, Clitheroe 20, Derby 27, Doncaster 28, Falmouth 4, Folkestone 16, Glasgow (Baillie's Institution), Hanley 11, Hove 6, Kingston-upon-Hull, Leamington Spa, Leeds 28, Leicester 27, Leyton 5, Lincoln 4, Liverpool 45—London: Battersea 11, Clapham 9 and 10, Croydon 9, Fulham 11, Hammersmith, Rotherhithe 7, St. George, Hanover Square 4; St. Giles 5, St. Martin-in-the-Fields and St. Paul, Covent Garden; Shoreditch 7, Streatham 7, Twickenham 16, West Ham, Willesden Green 5—Longton, Manchester 46, Plymouth 21, Portsmouth 14, Preston 19, Reading, Richmond 17, Salford 50, South Shields 25, Southampton 9, Southport (Atkinson) 23, Walthamstow 3, West Bromwich 24, West Hartlepool 3, Wigan 20, Wolverhampton 29, Yarmouth 12, York 5. Also recent reports from the Baltimore Enoch Pratt Free Library, London Cripplegate Institute, Los Angeles Public Library, New York Maimonides Free Library, Oxford Bodleian Library, and the Stirling's and Glasgow Library.

*The following Magazines, Reviews, Newspapers, Directories, &c., are placed in the Reading-Rooms. Those marked * are placed in the Women's Reading-Room, and those marked † are presented.*

ANNUALLY.

†Australian Year-Books
Baptist Handbook
British Columbia Year-Book
Cambridge University Calendar
Catholic Year-Book & Directory
Church of England Year-Book
College of Preceptors Calendar
Congregational Year-Book
Crockford's Clerical Directory
†Durham University Calendar
Hazell's Annual
London University Calendar
Municipal Year-Book
Oxford University Calendar
Royal Geog. Soc. Year-Book
Statesman's Year-Book
†University Corresp. Coll. Calendar
Year's Art

QUARTERLY.

Edinburgh Review
*Englishwoman's Review
Journal of Board of Agriculture
Navy List
Quarterly Review

MONTHLY.

*Argosy (1 in Men's)
Army List
Art Journal
Atlantic Monthly
Belgravia
Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine
Board of Trade Journal
†Building Society's Gazette
†Canadian Patent Office Record
*Cassell's Family Mag. (1 in Men's)
*Century Illustrated
*Chambers's Journal (1 in Men's)
*†Child's Guardian
*†Commonwealth
*†Concord (1 in Men's)
Contemporary Review
Cornhill Magazine
†Cottager and Artisan
†Educational Times
*English Illustrated Magazine
*†Financial Reformer (1 in Men's)
†Fire and Water
Fortnightly Review

MONTHLY (*continued*).

*†Free Life (1 in Men's)
†Free Russia
Gentleman's Magazine
*Girl's Own Paper
*†Glad Tidings (1 in Men's)
Good Words
*†Goodwill
*Harper's Magazine
*Household Words
Idler
†Insurance and Banking Review
†Jewish Intelligence
†Journal of Professional Musicians
†Labour Gazette
†Land and Labour
Leisure Hour
Longman's Magazine
Macmillan's Magazine
Magazine of Art
*†Musical Herald, Tonic Sol-Fa Rep.
*†Musical Times
National Review
†Nature Notes
†New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century
†Oddfellows' Magazine
*†Our Work at Home and Abroad
†Personal Rights Journal
†Plumber and Decorator
†Positivist
Quiver
Review of Reviews
Science Gossip
*Scribner's Magazine
Strand Magazine
*Sunday at Home
Temple Bar
†Tract Magazine
†University Correspondent
†Vegetarian Messenger
Westminster Review
Zoologist
†Zoophilist

TRI-WEEKLY.

Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart

BI-WEEKLY.

*†Norwich Mercury (1 in Men's), 1 given

WEEKLY.

Army and Navy Gazette
Athenæum
Australasian
Boot and Shoe Trades Journal
†Boston Independent
Boy's Own Paper
Builder
Building News
†Canadian Gazette
Cassell's Saturday Journal
†Catholic Times
†Christian Life and Unitarian Her.
*†Christian World (2 in Men's) 1 giv.
Church Times
†Church Weekly
†Civil Service Aspirant
*†Civil Service Competitor (1 Men's)
†Civil Service Gazette
†Colliery Guardian
*†Co-operative News (1 in Men's)
†Councillor
*†Cromer and North Walsham Post
*†Daylight (2 in Men's), 1 given
Detroit Free Press
†Draper's Record
*†Eastern Weekly Press
Electrician
Engineer
Engineering
England
†English Churchman
English Mechanic
Era
*Family Herald and Supplement
Feathered World
Field
*Fun
Gardeners' Magazine
†Gardening World
*Graphic (1 in Men's)
†Guardian
*Illus. London News (1 in Men's)
Illus. Official Journal (Patents)
Invention
Investors' Review
*†Ipswich Journal
†Journal of Society of Arts
Judy
*Lady's Pictorial
Land and Water
†Literary World
†Local Government Journal
†Lowestoft Journal
†Lowestoft Standard
†Lynn News and County Press
Mechanical World
*†Midland Counties Herald

WEEKLY (*continued*).

Nature
Newcastle Chronicle
*†Norfolk Chron. (1 in Men's), 1 giv.
*†Norfolk News (1 in Men's), 1 giv.
*†Norfolk Weekly Standard and Argus (1 in Men's), 1 given
Notes and Queries
*†People's Weekly Journal
Phonetic Journal
†Present Truth
Public Opinion
*Punch (1 in Men's)
*Queen
Saturday Review
†School Board Chronicle
*School Guardian
Schoolmaster
*Schoolmistress
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List
†Shoe and Leather Record
†Society of Arts Journal
*Spare Moments
Speaker
Spectator
†Tablet
†Tailor and Cutter
*†Temperance Chronicle
Timber Trades Journal
*Tit Bits
Trade Marks Journal
Truth
Volunteer Service Gazette
Weekly Sun
Westminster Budget
*†Worcester Herald
Work
†Yarmouth Independent
*Young Ladies' Journal

DAILY.

Birmingham Post
Chronicle
East Anglian Times (in Lobby)
*†Eastern Daily Press (2 in Men's), 1 given
†Eastern Evening News (1 also in Lobby), 1 given
Echo (in Lobby)
Manchester Guardian
News
Norfolk Standard (in Lobby)
Pall Mall Gazette
*Standard (1 in Men's)
Star (in Lobby)
*Telegraph (1 in Men's)
†Times, 1 given
Westminster Gazette
Yorkshire Post

Railway Time Tables.

Bradshaw, and Continental in season
†Cook's Excursionist
†Great Eastern
†Great Eastern Continental
†Great Northern
†Great Western
†London and North Western
†London and South Western
†London, Brighton, and South Coast
†London, Chatham, and Dover
†Midland
†Midland and Gt. Northern Joint
†Norwich—Fletcher's and Jarrold's
†South Eastern

(*The Time Tables, except Bradshaw's and Cook's, are placed in the Lobby.*)

Kelly's Directories.

Beds, Hunts, and Northamptonshire
Berks, Bucks, and Oxon
Birmingham, Staffs, Warwickshire, and Worcestershire
Cambs, Norfolk, and Suffolk
Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Rutland, and Notts
Devonshire and Cornwall
Essex, Herts, and Middlesex
Hants, Wilts, and Dorsetshire
Kent, Surrey, and Sussex
Lancashire—Part 1, Lancashire, with Gore's Liverpool; Part 2, Slater's Manchester, Salford, and Suburban
Lincolnshire, with Hull and Neighbourhood
London
London Suburban
Somersetshire and Gloucestershire, with Bristol
Yorks (West Riding; and North and East Ridings, with York)

A B C Hotel Guide for Travellers; and Leigh's List of English Clubs
Acts of Parliament—Educational, Local, Social, &c.
Advertiser's A B C of Official Scales and Charges and Press Directory; and Practical Advertising
Almanacks—British, Financial Reform, Whitaker's, &c.
Amateur Work, Illustrated
Blackie's Imperial Gazetteer
Brewer's Phrase and Fable
Business Directory of London and Provincial and Foreign Trade Guide
Chambers's (Ed. by E. Preston) and Dougal & Co.'s Indexes to Next of Kin
Chambers's Trade Directory
Civil Service Year-Book and Guides—A B C, Cassell's, and Johnson's
Commercial Directory of the United Kingdom and the Continent
Directories—Foresters', Medical, Rechabite, and Scholastic
Eastern Counties Business and International Mercantile Directories
Export Merchant Shippers and Manufacturers' Trade Directory
Hone's Every-day Book, Table Book, and Year-Book
Kelly's Directory of Merchants, Manufacturers, and Shippers
Kelly's Handbook to the Titled, Landed, and Official Classes
Lloyd's Encyclopædic Dictionary
Lodge's Peerage and Baronetage of the British Empire
Patents for Inventions—Abridgments of Specifications
Perry's Manufacturers and Merchants' Directory and Mercantile Guide
Sell's Dictionary of the World's Press and Advertisers' Reference Book
South Africa—Guide, and Official Handbook
Spon's Workshop Receipts
Stubbs's Directory of Great Britain and the Continent
Ure's Dictionary of Arts, Manufactures, and Mines

Statement of Receipts and Payments from 25th March, 1898, to 31st March, 1899.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand, 25th March, 1898				454	19	6
„ Dividends on Sinking Fund Investment..				0	14	7
„ Rate of 1d. in the £ raised under Public Libraries Act				1310	0	0
„ Rent				30	6	0
„ Catalogues	7	10	11			
„ Borrowers' Tickets	6	18	10			
„ Lavatory	2	7	10			
„ Papers	3	11	7			
„ Post Cards and Postage... ...	5	15	11			
				26	5	1
				£1822	5	2

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Salaries and Wages				619	19	10
„ Interest on Loan—1½ years ...				58	16	5
„ Sinking Fund Instalment—1 year	52	16	3			
„ Dividends	0	14	7			
				53	10	10
„ Insurance Premium				9	16	6
„ Books and Binding				321	5	4
„ Newspapers and Periodicals ...				105	7	4
„ Printing, Stationery & Advertising				22	6	8
„ Repairs				36	4	3
„ Fuel and Light				82	4	10
„ Miscellaneous				29	18	9
„ Balance in hand, 31st March, 1899				482	14	5
				£1822	5	2

SPECIAL ACCOUNT.

Librarian's Disbursement of Fines Received.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand, 25th March, 1898	8	0	2
„ Fines	69	9	4
	£77	9	6

	£	s.	d.
By Books Purchased in further extension of Local Collection	59	9	4
„ Balance in hand, 31st March, 1899 ...	18	0	2
	£77	9	6

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath, out of such part of my personal Estate as may by Law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Treasurer for the time being of the City of Norwich Corporation, the sum of

(free from Legacy Duty), for the benefit of the Norwich Free Library, to be expended in such way as the Committee for the time being may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the said Treasurer shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

*I bequeath**

**Books, Pictures, or other objects of Art or Interest.*

to the Treasurer for the time being of the City of Norwich Corporation, for the benefit of the Norwich Free Library, either for exhibition or such other purposes as the Committee for the time being deem expedient; and I direct any Legacy Duty which may be payable thereon to be paid by my Executors out of my personal Estate; and I further direct that the Receipt of the said Treasurer shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

Donations may be intimated to the Librarian, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

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